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A story that will inspire you

# THE GALLANT 800

By DUDLEY BARKER

THIS is not merely a story of a small British force playing a minor part in a campaign which is now ended.

It is the story of any British soldier, keeping his head in difficulties and dangers, performing the seemingly impossible simply by sticking quietly to his job.

It shows what happens when an ordinary British civilian turned soldier is thrown into gigantic battle without ever having been under fire before.

It is the story—just released by the War Office—of which, in the end, will beat Hitler.

A month ago, when the armies were struggling in the battle of the Somme, the British needed to establish a defence line along the river Bethune, to cover the western Channel ports and Rouen.

The only men available were those in the base depots—some men returning from leave, some who had been left to guard stores, some units of the Pioneer Corps, a few Army cooks, and so on.

Part of the force hurriedly scratched together from these units was a battalion christened Newcomb's Rifles, although the officer who gave them their name was put into another job, and they chose a colonel of the Royal Engineers to command them.

### BROOMSTICK ARMY

He was Lieut.-Colonel L. E. C. Perowne, a huge man, of great physical strength, with fierce red hair and a red moustache.

He it was who took Newcomb's Rifles, fewer than 800 men, up to Bethune. Many of them were milliamen who had never been under fire. They had never trained as a unit, they did not know each other.

At first they had a lot of fun. They knew that there were only 2,000 British soldiers to line the 57-mile front, to face first the flood of panic-stricken refugees and then the broken, fleeing French troops, and finally the huge German divisions. They could not hope to hold, only to delay.

So they built a lot of bogs for the Germans—dummy emplacements, dummy machine guns, dummy anti-aircraft guns, dummy tanks, dummy aircraft, dummy everything.

They mined the bridges, they put up wire, they scattered the line with real strong posts, land mines, tank traps and road blocks.

Every day they were pittedly bombed, but they stood firm. Every day they sent out patrols, wondering whether the storm would break them, or a little later—and all the time the refugees flooded through them, for the Germans were at Abbeville and Amiens.

### "ROBIN HOOD"

On June 1 things began to look so bad that Colonel Perowne drew up a plan for withdrawal. In small separate parties, to the Seine ferries. He had to give it a code name, and he chose a grand one. He called it "Robin Hood."

Next day he knew the retreat was inevitable. So Colonel Perowne sent out his message: "Robin Hood. Blow all bridges and gates before leaving. Take

particular care against air observation. No special hurry."

No special hurry! And all the time the bombers were smashing over.

No special hurry, said the R.E. colonel to his mixture of raw British soldiers.

They took him at his word. They carefully blew up the bridges, set the traps, and started in small parties through the woods and valleys towards the Seine. They calmly carried out orders.

These men who had not previously been under fire, who a year before might have been city clerks, shop assistants, fought a rearguard action as though they were the Guards.

### MEN OF ALL WORK

Not only did they save themselves, they helped the struggling mass of refugees through whom they passed.

One company went right through the forest of Trill by compass bearings, avoiding all roads and paths, which were in German occupation. They came out only 100 yards from the spot at which they were aiming.

Another company, the nearest to Rouen when the Germans were in force, sending out parties to cut off the retreat, was rescued by Colonel Perowne in his car, and carried in several journeys to the River Seine at Fontaine.

On the last journey, after dark had fallen, his car ran into a concrete wire draped round the night camp of a group of German tanks.

Automatic weapons opened fire at once. A heavier gun shelled and wrecked the car.

Nobody was hurt, so the Colonel and his intelligence officer held on while the party slipped off into the woods.

Then the Colonel was chased for three hours by the Germans. He moved through the woods in the dark intervals between Verrey lights. He got away.

### TANK DODGING

Just before dawn four German tanks came rumbling up to battalion rear headquarters, which were hiding in a barn.

One tank turned in at the farm gate, and the whole little party dashed out in a small car and on two motor-cycles. They got away too, stopping to pick up their comrades on the way out.

The surprised tanks shot so wildly that they clean missed them.

When they had all reached the river, amidst wrecked towns under a pall of burning oil dumps, they found that the French ferry boats had tied up on the opposite bank, and did not seem to hear when they were called.

So one company camped for the night in a lair among the rocks, ringed round with the enemy.

Next morning the ferries started to work. But the men of Newcomb's Rifles had to control the refugees, the French troops, who were clamouring to fight the incendiary bomb fire which threatened to demolish a jammed mass of vehicles—and then the ferry captain tied up on the far side again, refusing to come back.

# Ireland's Fifth Column

BY DAVID WOODWARD

Special Correspondent, recently returned from a tour of Ireland

WITH the world full of rumour about the doings of Hitler's Fifth Columns in nearly every country it is natural that the potentialities of the Irish Fifth Column should be the subject of special attention.

Nowhere could Hitler find such centres of hatred against Britain, nowhere could he find such daring and ruthless allies as amongst the men of the I.R.A. German agents have already been able to accomplish so much in neutral countries that it is natural that in these specially favourable circumstances the wild tales of their prodigies in Eire should be in circulation.

For this the Irish Government itself is in some measure responsible, for the rigorous censorship which is carried on by Mr. de Valera's officials from what was once Queen Victoria's bedroom in Dublin Castle forbids to visiting journalists the mere mention of an Irish Fifth Column.

Rumours and scares flourish the more abundantly as the Irish forbid the conditions which give rise to them even to be discussed.

But after a fortnight's careful search of Eire—and some knowledge gleaned in Denmark and Holland of how Fifth Columns work—I came to the conclusion that there was no Fifth Column in Ireland comparable in power and size to those which Hitler organised so successfully in Scandinavia and the Low Countries.

In organising their supporters in Ireland the Germans have not been able to draw upon the two most important elements which contributed to the success of their Fifth Column activities elsewhere—a large German colony and a considerable political party within the country ready to do their bidding. There are only 326 Germans in Eire, and of these 140 are refugees and in view of the fantastic conduct of General O'Duffy it is easy to understand why no further attempt has been made to start another Fascist Party in Eire.

They saw that all the refugees crossed the river safely. Not till then did they themselves cross. After a rearguard action that lasted 40 hours, four-fifths of them crossed the Seine with all their arms and baggage.

### AND SO HOME

Four days after that they embarked for England. All that was left of them was 22 officers, 310 other ranks, 29 anti-tank rifles and 15 Bren guns.

When they got home, this little scratch force was disbanded as quickly as it had been flung together, and the men went back to their different units.

The history of Newcomb's Rifles lasted only for one month. It is not a unit you will hear again.

And when Colonel Perowne came to write his report, he summed the whole thing up thus: "It remained only for the command to bring their companies safely to the river, and through country known to be occupied by enemy elements, to the sudden attack, and subject the closest scrutiny by enemy aircraft by day."

It is true that when the moment comes for a German attack the I.R.A. will strike hard against the British and Irish Governments, but that it will be able to secure decisive results is flatly denied by Irish official spokesmen and doubted by foreign observers, who do not deny, however, that the Irish authorities are probably over-optimistic in believing that the back of the I.R.A. has been broken by the internment of 400 of the organisation's ringleaders.

These men are mostly just the "N.C.O.s" of the movement, the real leaders having for the most part fled to Germany, and the rank and file—numbering, perhaps, but only perhaps, some 2,000—being still at large.

As to whether I.R.A. men have been able to smuggle themselves into the Irish Army there exists a complete difference of opinion between official sources and the opponents of the De Valera Government.

Apart from financing the I.R.A. and harbouring its exiled leaders, the German policy with regard to Fifth Column activities in Eire has been devoted almost entirely to lining up prominent individuals who might be useful later on as quislings or deputy-quislings.

The German Legation in Dublin is conducting itself very circumpectly. Almost its only activity is protesting against the anti-German attitude of the Irish newspapers.

The Legation has a personnel of eight—compared with the British Office and the American Legation, which have nine persons each, and the Italians, who have five. This figure also compares

with that for the former German Legation in The Hague, where there were 100 persons employed, including 42 Secretaries of Legation and Attaches.

For the Legation contact with Berlin is extremely difficult; neither the British nor the Irish are able to trace any use of radio by the Legation to transmit to Berlin, and when a bag comes from Berlin it is brought by parachuteists or landed from a submarine.

It is of interest to note that the classes in which the Germans are trying to recruit their key men are two which have always, in every country, been centres of pro-Nazi discontent—the small business men and the young intellectuals faced with a future of poorly-paid jobs.

Almost all business and industry in Eire is conducted, save for the British and American firms, on a very small scale, and all the small-scale business men think they have the usual small-scale business man's grievances against bankers. The fact that the bankers in Ireland are considered by the average Irishman as "Britain's Fifth Column" does not help matters.

The other element of discontent in the middle classes is the flock of extremely well educated young men who finish four years' training at the Sinn Féin Nationalist University, or the Unionist Trinity College and are then faced by the fact that they have to take up jobs at £2 a week—if they are lucky enough to get them.

But the Fifth Column danger is not only to be found in De Valera's Eire. In Northern Ireland the police have to deal very vigorously with the Ulster branch of the Catholic Irishmen in the Six Counties. It was common to Ireland Belfast is obviously of the greatest value to the British in the efforts which they will make to throw out a Nazi invader. Consequently the I.R.A. have taken special pains with the Ulster contingent—and that they have had some success is seen by the comparatively high proportion of Northern Irishmen who were implicated in the various I.R.A. outrages just before the beginning of the present war.

That the I.R.A. recruiting drive should have had success in the north greater than it had in the south is due in very large measure to the intense antagonism felt by the Northern Catholics against the Six County Government under Lord Craigavon—a Government which to them represents all the iniquities against which the Southern Irishmen successfully fought during the "Troubles."

# FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



## Crossword Puzzle

By LAKE MORRIS

**ACROSS**  
1—Pictorial insect  
2—Wide areas  
3—Early material  
4—Body of ship  
5—Kind of bear  
6—Part of a  
7—Character's time  
8—Melody  
9—Irishman  
10—Central hub of wheel  
11—Marche d'armes  
12—Intervened  
13—Intervened  
14—Cravat  
15—Leaf of corolla  
16—Fruit of a  
17—Youth  
18—Range  
19—Dance  
20—Malignant  
21—Piano (string)  
22—Building fronts  
23—Forward pass  
24—Little drum  
25—Food fish  
26—Cherished memento  
27—Berserk-like dash  
28—Fruit of a  
29—Griped minimal  
30—Fish (football)  
31—Movie actress  
32—Winding  
33—Young salmon  
34—Girl's name  
35—Lutes to  
36—Like wings  
37—Girl's name  
38—Girl's name

**DOWN**  
1—Interruption word  
2—Gentle breeze  
3—Woman's undergarment  
4—Lap  
5—Napoleon  
6—Charlotte  
7—The University  
8—Have  
9—Special  
10—Proven to  
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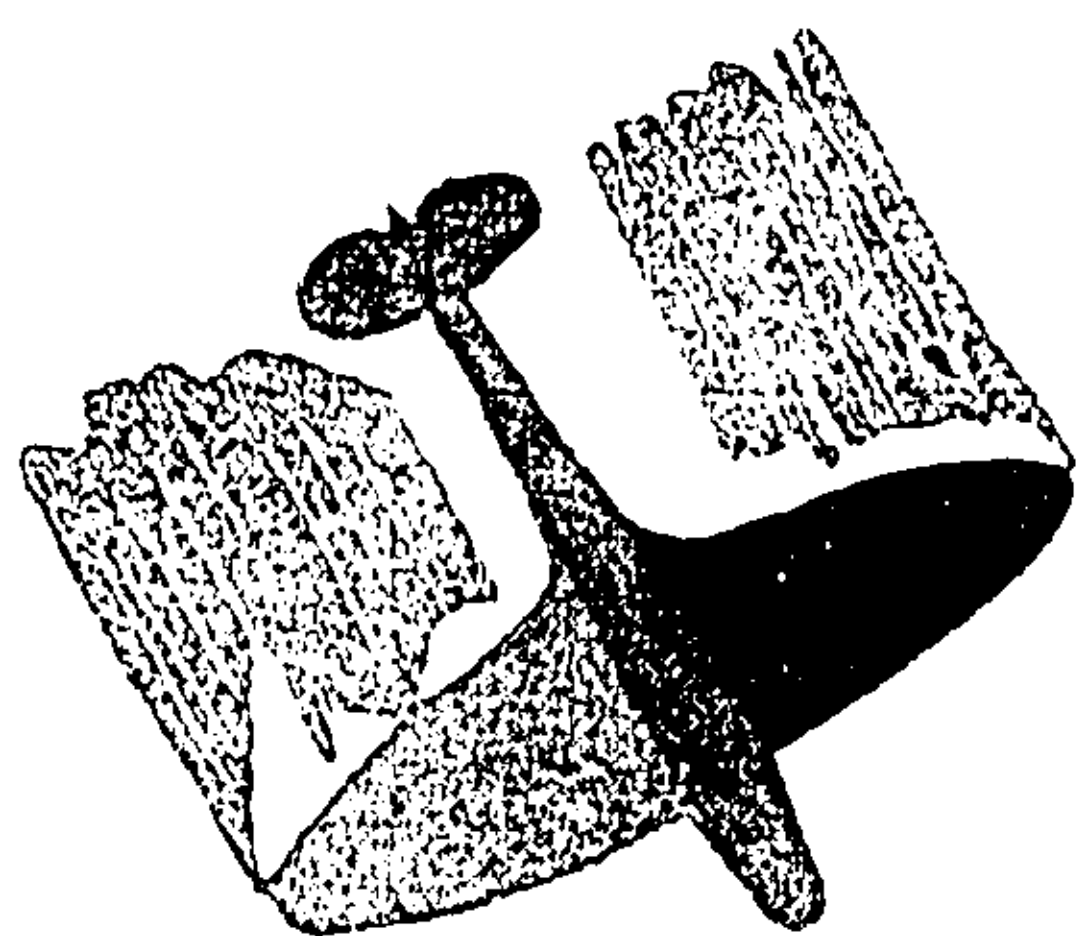
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## Gallants of England

In a crescendo of screaming planes and fierce air fighting, the Battle for Britain has raged for over a month. It is on a scale which could not have been dreamed of a few years ago, and once more Britain is surviving one of those strenuous tests which have marked her long and glorious island story. The German Reich is dashing its mighty air strength against what has proved, so far at least, an almost impenetrable wall of fighting planes. Whether the present action is part of the main blow which is to be aimed at the Mother Country or is but the opening phase of a plan involving an attempted sea invasion, a gleam of light is appearing through the clouds which have so long obscured the future.

There is now no question of Britain being defeated in this air battle. The spirit of her people has proved too strong and resolute, and the skill, courage, and tenacity of her young flying men have inflicted such appalling losses on the enemy that we know that Britain can withstand even heavier assaults. The vital importance of this fact lies in the knowledge that Germany is now nearing the maximum in her air striking power. She may increase the number of machines sent over Britain, but she is rapidly approaching the limit of safety for herself. Once she goes beyond this she will be risking the whole existence of her air force. Too great an effort would mean that the much vaunted Luftwaffe would smash itself into such a state of disorganisation and demoralisation that Germany would suffer from her own reckless air attacks in this war as she suffered from massed infantry attacks in the last.

What has happened so far is a promise of what is to come. It will be a matter of scale, but the general results will be the same. Namely, that heavy losses will be inflicted on the raiders in the ratio of about one machine destroyed in five, that the corresponding British losses will be comparatively small, and that the damage caused by bombs, extensive and grievous though it may be, will not inflict a mortal wound on the nation. The results will not justify the enormous effort and cost which Germany is putting into obtaining them.

This is a thoroughly considered statement, because the information being given out by the British authorities is accurate and reliable. There is no exaggeration in the figures supplied about German planes destroyed, and no diminution of our own losses. As much as can be safely divulged about the damage caused by the bombs is divulged. Many Hongkong people, far away from the scene, are asking how much damage is really being done. There is a feeling that this must be heavier than it appears on the surface. It can be stated authoritatively that the British communiques give an accurate statement of the real position as it is possible without betraying valuable information to the enemy. Owing to a number of reasons, neither the material destruction nor the casualties are as heavy as might be thought. Chief of these reasons is the excellence of Britain's air defences, which have now been in course of preparation and perfecting for nearly two

# You Can't Tame A Tiger With A Saucer of Milk

WE are a marvellous people. As soon as the world thinks we are down, up go our tails and the fur begins to fly.

In a long experience of having my finger on the pulse of Britain, I have never known it beat so strongly as it is beating to-day.

We are now at the crisis of the war. We promised the world two months ago that if we could hold on just for a month we should win.

Well, we not only held on for that month but we have doubled the time. And we can say now without hesitation that the tide is on the turn.

Hitler is doomed. It is our job to hasten the day of his doom.

Now is the time to throw defensive ideas out of our minds and fill them with the spirit of attack.

I WOULD suggest for a start that we begin to talk a little less about the defence of Britain. Let us call it instead the protection of Britain. Defence sounds too much like sitting in the fortress and waiting for Hitler. That is the last thing we want to do. We can force a stalemate by waiting for Hitler. But we are going to have no stalemate ending to this war.

Hitler is going down good and hard, if it costs us every penny and every ounce of strength we have.

## Eyes On Italy

Where do we begin—and when? I press again for action against Italy with all the force of which we are capable.

Despite the bounce and brag of Mussolini, the heart of Italy is not in this war. Mussolini, once well liked in his own country, is now widely hated there. One good reverse and Sawdust Caesar's throne will rock.

Already there are signs that we have the measure of the Italians. In the skies they are no match for our grand airmen, although they have a vast superiority in numbers.

So far as the army is concerned, I am told by those who should know that the Italians in the last war were heroes compared with the Italians in this. We know what that means.

We have not tried our strength against the Italian Navy yet except in submarine chasing, the results of which have been very gratifying, but although on paper the Italian Fleet is far stronger than ours in Mediterranean waters, our men have complete confidence in the result of any battle.

But we must not leave the Italians in peace to dodge the issue too long. We must get rid of this old men's nonsense of time being on our side. We want the job over soon. The longer it lasts the more lives will be lost, and our young lives are precious.

We must goad the Italians into sending their fleet out. That can be done by raining bombs on their inland cities and shells on their seaports. Pound them into action.

## Choose Five

Take the five chief cities of Italy and set about their swift and systematic destruction. Give them a dose of what the German dive bombers gave Rotterdam.

When Hitler found himself on the spot after the rape of Poland he is reported to have said: "The French want war. Well, they shall know what war is." Mussolini wanted war. So let

years. Another is the constant harassing which the raiders receive from British fighters. A third is the fact that England is a notoriously difficult terrain for air navigation. With its narrow, winding country roads, its puzzling network of railway lines and its patchwork of small fields and woods, it is deficient in identifiable landmarks or guide signs. German raiders are therefore liable to become lost and drop their bombs on mistaken objectives. This has apparently happened many times, and the reason why the British authorities are chary of announcing the names of places, particularly small places, affected by raids is that the revelation of such names would enable the Germans to check their navigation.

It is almost with relief that we can look forward to the immediate future. We are nearing the end of that unpleasant period when the worst lay ahead, when people were constantly wondering what it would be like "when it really started." For the Royal Air Force it means the end of a long strain. The strain of fighting is not nearly so bad for the fighting airman as the strain of sitting down and waiting to fight. There may be some dark days ahead; there may be pain, tears, and sorrow. But the young Gallants of England have proved themselves of the same breed as the men who overcame the might of Spain in 1808, the menace of Napoleon in 1810, the plans of the Kaiser in 1914-18.

They have shown that they can do their job.

us in turn show him what war is. It will, in any case, be good practice for us before we start on the chief gangster.

THE Air Force is already reported to have broken communication between Germany and Italy at the Brenner Pass. There are two other rail connections left—St. Gothard Tunnel and Mont Cenis. Both are vulnerable, because the railway lines on the Italian side emerge between steep cuttings.

A few heavy bombs there would bring down a mountain-side on the railways. Let us go and do it.

I have seen a suggestion that a few depth charges dropped into Vesuvius might destroy the protection erected there to prevent disaster in the event of an eruption. It may sound fantastic, but if it is possible why not try it?

If we can make Naples into another Pompeii no one in this country is going to object. A little molten lava is just as satisfactory as boiling oil—once a normal weapon of war—and as Nature has stored it on the premises we might as well try to use it.

I do not think the sanitisation of the Mediterranean will take us very long if we once get down to it. But that, of course, is only a beginning. The real job on hand is the defeat and the punishment of Hitler and every German, big and little, in his gang. Whatever goes before is only a preliminary to that.

The same trick that in a smaller way will surely bring down Mussolini will in turn destroy the German gangster. That trick is attack, not defence.

WE have plenty of evidence that the Germans do not like to be hit. One last week there were curious statements on the German radio which suggest that the Germans—once promised by Goering that no British plane could ever reach them—are now being driven crazy by our nightly poundings.

The German radio speaker actually said that unless the German Air Force was sent over England the people in the Rhineland would rise in revolution to demand it.

What a revealing thing to say. What a hint. What an invitation to us. Bomb, bomb, bomb night after night, day after day.

## Ramparts We Watch!



And let us not forget that there are other weapons than high explosive bombs. A fortnight has passed since I first suggested that we should take advantage of the dry weather and set the forests of Germany alight from end to end. Still nothing has been done.

But make no mistake, it can be done. It should be done. And we should insist on it being done.

## Architect Advises

A landscape architect who was consultant to several huge estates of German landowners tells me that to cause a forest fire on the cat-tropic scale we want would be a simple matter. But he adds the warning that if we delay more than a few weeks the best opportunities will be lost. So why delay?

He says: "The Germans were always petrified of fire in the late summer. It would be possible to cover with flames and smoke hundreds of miles of Germany, and on the minds of the population a huge pall of smoke overhanging the country for weeks would have an enormous effect."

AND here is another idea to add to the bombing and the forest fires. Cut Germany's jugular vein—the River Rhine.

The Rhine runs the whole length of western Germany. All that the German army in the west needs in men and supplies must cross it. If we could destroy the bridges it would be a first-rate disaster for Germany.

Now, we cannot bomb them because it would be too slow an operation, too costly in lives and too uncertain in results. But the Rhine is one of the fastest flowing rivers in Europe.

Why not, as I have suggested in other schemes, harness Nature to help us? Drop ordinary floating mines from dive bombing planes in hundreds between Mannheim and Cologne. The fast-moving river will carry the mines downstream. Whatever they touch will go up—bridges, barges, and even the river banks, which, incidentally, carry the railways. Every bang would be a prize, big or small.

Is it worth trying? Remember that once the mines were down the fast-flowing tide would make sweeping an impossibility. Come on, experts! Think it over. But hurry.

NO doubt some of the people in high places will demur that these suggestions are not war according to the text-book. My answer is that you have got to get down in the gutter with Hitler and fight as he fights. Devise and use every hellish instrument you can think of and damn the Queensberry rules for the duration. You can't tame a tiger with a saucer of milk. So let's put something in the milk.

"Ah," some will say, "Hitler will reply." Of course he will. But the longer the war lasts the more we realise that some of Hitler's strength is bluff.

If his air strength is so great where are his airplanes? Why doesn't he send 1,000 instead of 100? You may argue that he is keeping them for the moment he really needs them, but I am convinced that if Hitler possessed the 30,000 airplanes of which he has boasted we should never have been able to take a single one of our boys off the Dunkirk beaches.

If Hitler had the airplanes, he would have used them, because it was vital to him to obliterate that Army. He did not do it because he could not. And because he could not he lost the war.

## But Act Now

So let us have less fear of Hitler and more faith in ourselves. Don't let us hear any more defeatism, or any more of this stupid talk that we might as well make peace with Hitler because he has no quarrel with us.

If he has come to the stage now that he has no quarrel with us, we certainly have a quarrel with him. And we are going to carry that quarrel through to the bitter end. I would arrest and shut up every man and woman, no matter how high born, who has the nerve to say otherwise.

BUT do not underestimate the task that lies before us. The hordes of Hitler are inflamed with a fanaticism which makes them crusaders, evil and bestial as are the ideals for which they are prepared to die. I will tell you two stories.

A German was brought into a field hospital in France with a badly shattered leg. He was almost unconscious when the anaesthetist came to prepare him for the operation to remove the leg. Suddenly he awoke as the mask was being put to his face.

"What are you doing?" he cried. "You must have an anaesthetic," they told him. "You are going to have an operation. It will be painful and this will save you pain." "I will not have it," he said. "I can suffer pain for my Fuehrer." And he died.

Another German lay in hospital on the edge of death. There was only one way in which his life might be saved, and they prepared for it.

"What are you doing?" he moaned. "We are giving you a blood transfusion," they told him. "He spun into alertness. 'Whose blood?' he demanded. 'A Frenchman has given it for you,' they replied.

"Filthy French blood," he shrieked. "I will not have it in my veins." And he died not. So he died. These are the men you are fighting. To defeat them, those who fight the good fight for righteousness must be Crusaders too, prepared to suffer, prepared, if necessary, to die, but determined that their ideals shall live whatever the cost."

John Gordon



## BRITAIN READY FOR ANYTHING

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prosecution of the war against so foul a foe." After giving the casualty figures mentioned by Lord Caldecote in the House of Lords, Mr. Churchill proceeded:

"Many hospitals, churches and public monuments have been damaged. Injury to our war-making capacity has been surprisingly small. We are only beginning to get an increased flow of production from the great programmes started after the war."

### Wanton Slaughter

"It is very agreeable to see increases maintained over so wide a field in spite of the enemy's fire. To see how indiscriminate and wanton is the enemy's attack, there were 10,000 civilian casualties from air attack but less than 250 in all the fighting services."

"The Air Raid Precautions organization has proved its efficiency and the greatest discipline and devotion to duty has been shown by all."

"The task of preserving the health and well-being of an enormous community exceeding 3,000,000 souls in the Thames Valley, of supplying them with all necessities and making provision for those whose homes have been destroyed or those who have had to be evacuated, has proved a strain upon the machinery of the Government which calls for exertion by all the authorities concerned."

"This heavy, intricate task is being efficiently and successfully discharged. The whole system of our life and labour is being rapidly adapted to conditions hitherto unknown to modern society."

### Bigger Air Battles Yet

"Intensification of the air attack has made it difficult to draw precise conclusions as to the new rules about our air raid warnings, but broadly speaking, the strain must be on alert and not an alarm."

"We must expect that very many more intense examples of air fighting will be experienced in future."

Mr. Churchill, in conclusion, intimated that there were some matters connected with arrangements under air attack which he preferred to discuss in private.

Acting on his suggestion, the House went into secret session and adjourned shortly afterwards.

### Caldecote's Speech

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuters).—In the House of Lords to-day, Viscount Caldecote went into a long and detailed speech on certain points that did the Prime Minister.

Lord Caldecote referred to the Canadian, Australian and New Zealand forces available in Britain to repel an invasion should an invasion come, and also to units of the Royal Canadian Navy and the naval contingent from New Zealand.

In the air, he added, the Canadian fighter squadron had helped mightily to increase the enemy's losses and Britain had invaluable assistance from the Royal Australian Air Force.

More recently, there arrived a contingent from Southern Rhodesia and in the R.A.F. were many pilots from all the Dominions, indeed from all parts of the Empire.

Lord Caldecote also referred to the remarkable contribution made by Newfoundland in the defence of the British Isles both by sea and air.

### Air Training Scheme

In respect of the Empire Air Training Scheme, Lord Caldecote said that this was in advance of schedule and that Britain would shortly be receiving a flow of highly-skilled pilots and air crews to redress the balance in the air and ultimately to give Britain air superiority.

In the Middle East, an important part was being played by the forces of South Africa. The South African Air Force had distinguished itself by inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

The Dominions had not confined their help to military, naval and air contingents, but were producing an ever-increasing output of munitions and military supplies of many kinds.

Turning to the Mediterranean, Lord Caldecote said that the Mediterranean recently swept the Mediterranean from end to end for six days without any naval action being taken by the enemy.

Meanwhile convoys of troops and materials had arrived in the Near East, taking fighting men and supplies to fill the gaps in that theatre of war left by the collapse of France.

## Fleet Street Undamaged

"Reuter's" Statement

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuters).—It is typical of the propaganda put out daily by the enemy that the Italian Government wireless repeats that "Reuter's" new building in Fleet Street had been bombed and asserts that Fleet Street itself has been reduced to ruins.

This report is, of course, fantastic. "Reuter's" is entirely untouched and the same is true of the whole of Fleet Street.

Only the "Evening Standard" and "Daily Herald" offices have been hit and the damage is so slight that work was totally uninterrupted and no edition failed to appear on the streets at the scheduled time.

Moreover, nothing of these buildings is in Fleet Street.

## Secret Session: Official Report

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuters).—The following report of a secret session of the House of Commons is issued under the authority of the Speaker: "The House went into secret session and discussion took place on future sitings of the House. It was decided to meet at regular intervals but that dates and times should not be specified."

# SHOT POLICE AND HIMSELF FARMER AND POLICE IN DAYLONG SEIGE

ARMED with two shot-guns and wearing a gas-mask, a 66-year-old farmer who had turned his home into a fort by barricading the doors was found dying after holding at bay for 18 hours armed police and firemen, all in crash helmets.

The farmer, Raymond Warden, of Borough Farm, Itchen Stoke, near Alresford, Hants, was discovered lying at the foot of the stairs with gun-shot wounds in the right eye and temple.

Warden, who was taken to hospital, died with police at his bedside. He did not regain consciousness.

The siege of the farm began when P.C. Draper received shot wounds in both legs. During the "battle" in which the police threw tear-gas canisters into the farmhouse but failed to dislodge the defender, other officers were injured by pellets.

P.C. Draper went to the house to see that a breach of the peace was not committed when Warden was to be ejected from the farm by an order of the Hampshire War Agricultural Committee for the alleged refusal to plough up five acres of land.

### Doors Smashed

P.C. Draper was later sent home. From that time until about one o'clock the next morning the police took no action, but men were stationed round the farm to keep observation.

Then officers crept up to the front of the house and threw two tear-gas canisters through a window on the ground floor and a window on the upper floor.

Meanwhile other men, armed with double-barrelled guns, had surrounded the farm. Inspector Hatcher, who was in charge of the police party, carried a revolver.

Shortly after two of the doors of the back of the farm had been smashed with a ladder there were five shots.

The Inspector, P.C. Crapp and P.S. Warner, received pellet wounds in their legs and arms. More shots were fired.

### Helmet Trick

Tear-gas canisters were again thrown into the house and later P.C. Crapp crept inside one of the broken doors and brought back an empty gas-mask carton.

The police withdrew for another conference and officers armed with Sten guns returned.

P.C. Ward and Cole once more crept up to the doors, which had been barricaded again. They were broken down by the two constables, who entered a room and held a helmet on a long stick in front of a door as a decoy. Two shots were heard.

The officers then shouted: "If you will put down your gun and walk out with your arms up, we shall not shoot you."

Another shot was fired, the offer was repeated. A policeman fired at the door, near the stairs and a shot came in reply.

Again the offer was made. A few minutes later there was another shot and a police officer found Warden wounded in the head.

Warden was a bachelor and a reporter was told that he had not left the farm for a single day during the last half-century.

## STORMS FOIL INVASION

LONDON, Sept. 17. The prospects of an imminent attempt by the Germans to invade Britain receded during the night. This time it was not the R.A.F. which upset the German preparations. It was stormy weather in the Straits of Dover.

Many competent observers had believed that the night of September 16—when the moon was full and the tide favourable—was the time chosen by the German leaders to launch the invasion thrust.

Yesterday, however, a long spell of fine weather and calm seas broke and rain, fog, and gales took place.

A wild gale howled through the Straits of Dover, whipping the water into white caps. Doors and windows rattled in the teeth of the fiercest wind since last winter.—Reuters.

## CAPTAIN ACCUSED Alleged Pose As

Baronet

Capt. Alfred Lionel Haughton, of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, was accused at a Chelsea court martial of passing worthless cheques, and of having posed as a baronet.

James Patterson, proprietor of the Hundred Club, stated that Capt. Haughton came to the club with a member. "He said he was attached to the War Office, had property in Cornwall, two cars and two chauffeurs," declared Mr. Patterson.

The assistant manager of a cigar store said that Capt. Haughton bought 25 worth of goods, including some cigars which were sent to the grill room manager of a restaurant with a card inscribed, "With the compliments of Sir Lionel Haughton."

The cheque came back marked "R.D."

### Answers to Correspondents

FLAG: Sorry, we can't start that kind of controversy.—Ed.

## Nazis Are Drawing A (Very) Long Bow Shelling of London Denied

LONDON, Sept. 17 (UP).—Authoritative circles here ridiculed the reports in the German press hinting that long range German guns have been shelling London from France.

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## SOCIAL WELFARE

### Governor Inspects Camp, Hospitals

His Excellency Lieutenant-General E. F. Norton, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., demonstrated once more his keen interest in the welfare of the people of this Colony on Monday, when he visited several urban camps and the Lai-chikok Cholera Hospital.

Accompanied by the Director of Medical Services, the Governor commenced his tour by inspecting Argyle Street Camp, where he saw interned Chinese soldiers at drill, playing basketball, in school, at work in the industrial hut, and performing a historical play in the camp theatre. He also saw the sick in hospital. The internees showed great appreciation of His Excellency's visit and were cheered by his words of encouragement. On leaving, the Governor congratulated Mr. C. N. Li, Senior Camp Overseer, on the good spirit prevailing in the camp.

The Governor next went to Ma Tau Chung Camp, where he was received by Dr. En Shui-tai, Camp Overseer, the assistant overseers, teachers employed by the Hongkong Refugee and Social Welfare Council, voluntary welfare workers, and several hundred school-children who sang a song of welcome.

His Excellency made a complete tour of the camp, including the industrial hut where artificial flowers, shoes, mats, baskets, etc., were being made; the hospital, living huts, kitchen, dining hall, farm and the northern portion reserved for Hongkong derelicts, blind, maimed and mentally afflicted. His Excellency took special interest in the records of weight kept of all the inmates as a check on the dietary, and was concerned to note that a proportion had lost weight.

On his departure, the Governor was presented by the head school-boy with a basket of flowers arranged in the camp.

### King's Park Camp

At King's Park Camp, His Excellency was welcomed by Mr. H. C. Yu, Camp Overseer, his two assistant overseers, the teacher-foster mothers in charge of the Po Leung Kuk children, and by teachers and members of the Hongkong Refugee and Social Welfare Council for the other groups of camp children.

On his arrival the children sang the British National Anthem. The Governor later saw some 400 children at their afternoon meal, others in school, older girls doing embroidery work, and the industrial hut where several hundred brooms were being made for the Kwong Wah Hospital, Ferry Company and other commercial concerns who thus assist the activities of the camp.

The routine daily disinfection of beds and of clothing was also seen.

On His Excellency's departure a group from the 800 children present in the camp sang the Chinese National Anthem.

From King's Park, the Governor proceeded to Lai-chikok Cholera Hospital, and visited the acute and convalescent wards containing over a hundred patients. His visit served as a great encouragement to the staff under Dr. E. W. R. Hackett, Medical Officer in charge, and Miss C. B. Robinson, Senior Nursing Sister, who have been hard at it night and day since the hospital was first opened by the Medical authorities a week ago to relieve the pressure on the Kennedy Town Infectious Diseases Hospital.

The patients, many desperately ill, spoke of General Norton's kindness in coming to see them.

## Boy Of 12 Mothered Children

A BOY of twelve had to be father and mother to five younger children, get their breakfast, and put them to bed while the father was out at work.

This was stated at Folkestone when sentence of three months' hard labour each was passed on William Henry Elliott, of Shellmoss-street, Folkestone, and Eleanor Doris, his wife, for neglecting the children in a manner likely to cause them unnecessary suffering and injury to their health.

The mother left home in February, leaving no one to care for the children except the father.

The chairman of the bench (Dr. F. Wolverson) said that in forty-five years' experience of this kind of case he did not remember anything worse.

## AUSSIE POULTRY FOR HONGKONG

Lane, Crawford Innovation. A degree of reciprocity has entered this pastime of evacuation. While Australia is receiving and welcoming Hongkong evacuees, Hongkong is doing likewise with Australian chickens.

This is the first time in history that farm-fried chickens have been imported by Hongkong from Australia.

Credit for the innovation goes to Lane-Crawford's, whose poultry department is now featuring these Australian and other Empire poultry. The Australian birds are obtainable from four to six pounds in weight and are equal in quality to the famous English Surrey birds.

According to the "Dow-Jones" agency, the War Department, apparently with support of the White House, has sent Congress a request for \$300,000,000 for enlargement of aeroplane-manufacturing facilities and speeding up production.

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## SINGLE RAIDERS ATTACK WESTEND

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sons were compulsorily evacuated this afternoon.

Pleasantly, Park Lane, Berkeley Square, Bond Street, Oxford Street, Sloane Square, Mayfair and Bruton Street were all bombed.

In many places in the west end, the scenes are reminiscent of the East End which was bombed and suffered largely in earlier raids.

A number of very well known stores in the West End with world-wide clients were either wholly or partly closed, the plate glass windows shattered and the fashionable shopping streets carpeted with glass.

Mr. J. C. S. Fender, Chairman, expressed the regret the Force felt in losing Mr. King.

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## Police Chief Says Farewell

Function At Club

At the Police Recreation Club, last night the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police, was given a farewell party by members of the Force. Mr. King is leaving with his family for Australia this week on leave prior to retirement.

Those present included every member of the Senior and Junior staff not on duty, and many people outside the Force.

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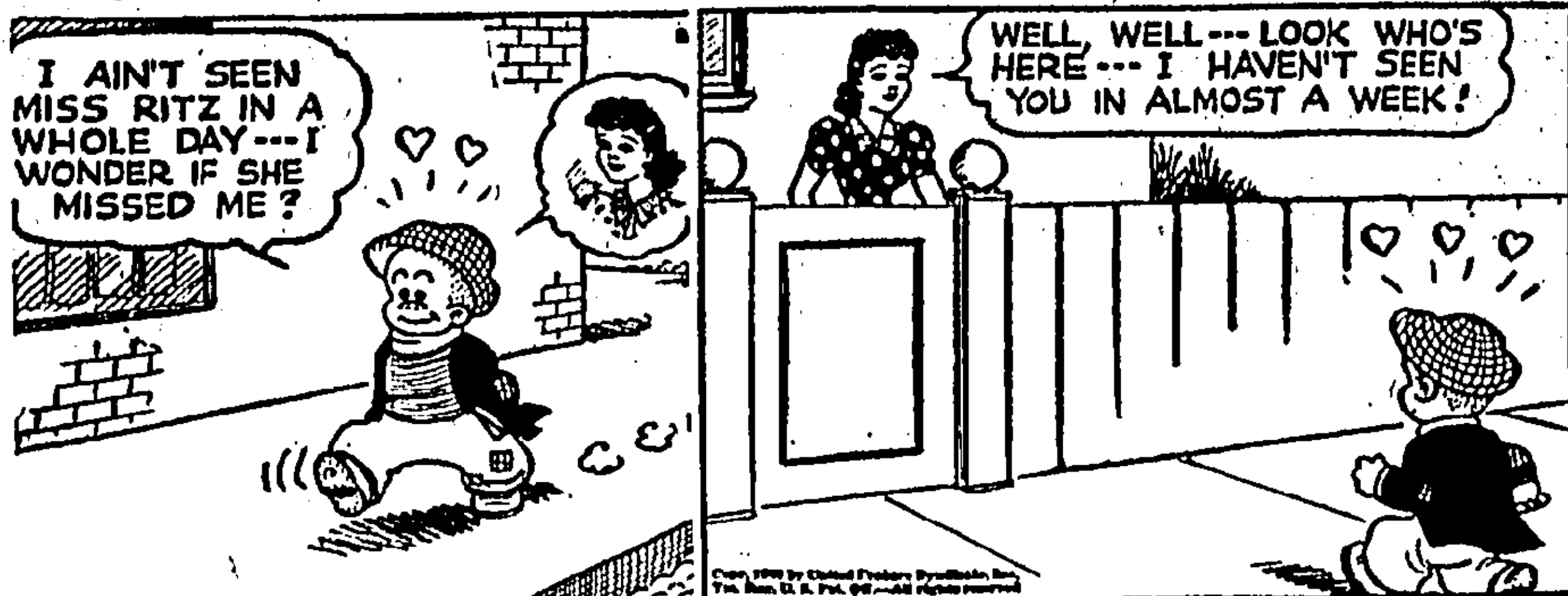
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# NANCY



## By Ernie Bushmiller



### MAGICIAN AT QUEEN'S A Packed House Sees Debut

A packed house saw the opening of the American Chinese magician Chang's revue "A Trip to Hades" at the Queen's Theatre last night. A combination of magic and colourful dancing by American chorus girls, the revue is dominated by Chang's personality throughout. A feature of the varied programme is the dance of "Ghosts and Spooks" with the aid of phosphorescent paint and a blacked-out stage.

Revealing himself a most competent artist, Chang appeared in more than a score of scenes and tricks in which his technique appeared tireless and flawless. Whether he was making human canaries disappear in mid-air from a cage or catching fish with a rod above the heads of the audience he was never at fault.

Chang concluded his performance with a spectacular escape from a roped and locked trunk in true Houdini style. The ensembles arranged by the principal dancer, Joanna Claire, made bright interludes in the wealth of magic. The finale was "The Enchanted Princess," the legend of Princess San La-tay and Prince Yang. This reaches a spectacular climax when Chang, as the High Priest, causes the body of the sacrificed Princess to rise into space and then vanish. The Princess is played by Joanna Claire, the Prince by Nella Ash.

The performance will be repeated for seven more nights.

### HUGE U.S. GOLD STOCK

Washington, Sept. 17. The Treasury announced to-day that gold stocks amounted to \$21,050,000,000 which is an increase of \$4,000,000,000 for the past year. This figure represents approximately 70 per cent of the world's monetary gold. (United Press)

## ROBERT MONTGOMERY WRITES AN OPEN LETTER AMBULANCE BOMBING WAS FINE JOB, FRITZ!

SCREEN star Robert Montgomery has just returned to America, his homeland, after serving in the American Field Service Ambulance all through the Battle of France.

He was up behind Sedan when the Germans smashed through in May. He followed the routed French Armies across France, and when the end came, sailed for home. Here, in an open letter, he tells of just one of the horrors he saw:

You'll probably wonder why I'm writing to you without knowing your name but you'll have to put that down as another fault of the war.

Things happen pretty fast over there and you don't get much time for social business. I suppose you know that as well as I do. As a matter of fact I almost met you. Do you remember that day on the road between Corbell-Cert and Marne? You had just been there and gone when Jack Thorensen and I drove up.

We only missed you by about fifteen minutes. That's why I wanted to let you know how things came out.

**We Met Only Boy Airmen**

I don't know how it is with you fellows but I once had a boss who was great on reports. He wanted us to fill out all the blanks every day and he was pretty sore when we didn't.

This is just to tell you that if you have any trouble with your boss you can get in touch with Jack or me and we'll back you up.

You did a fine job that day, that French ambulance was a mess when you finished.

It almost seems as if I ought to know you. Were you with that bunch up around Beauvais?

You certainly bombed hell out of us that time when you came over with the two hundred and fifty Heinkels and Messerschmitts.

We saw a lot of German planes that way, but the only German aviators I liked were two kids who bailed out south of Amiens and were captured by the French. One was sixteen and the other eighteen.

They were pretty scared, but they gave us a good idea of why you guys are so tough.

When we mentioned Hitler then they lighted up as if they had just seen god. I suppose you're pretty young yourself.

**Line Was "All Over The Place"**

We were with the American Field Service, Section One, Jack and I. That's how we happened to run into you. We got into action first around Amiens.

Two of our ambulances got busted up there and four of our men were reported missing.

I don't need to tell you much about how the ambulances work. We were supposed to stay eight kilometres behind the line and bring cases from

the dressing stations to the emergency hospitals.

The only trouble was that the line was all over the place. Your infantry was alongside of us and behind us and everywhere. We had to retreat.

Well, that's how it went. We had to evacuate the emergency hospitals and try to keep the men coming from the dressing stations.

**Why Didn't you Bomb That Bridge?**

We had to go over a bridge at Pontoise, strike it, and that was a tortuous every time.

Why didn't you ever bomb that bridge? Do you remember it? Some of the fellows said it was because you wanted to use it yourself later, but I never found out.

But you were certainly on the job other places. Up around Amiens we never saw an Allied plane. You birds had a panic there.

**We'd Get Out And Get Under**

We learned something, though. We found out that the safest place was right under the motor.

But what you're really interested in, I imagine, is that day when we missed you by fifteen minutes.

You know that road between Corbell-Cert and Marne. Sort of a country lane with no houses around. A driver could see for miles in either direction.

When we came battling along we saw this French ambulance in the ditch. Thought, first, it had just run off the road and was waiting there for the repair men.

But when we got up closer we saw the bodies.

There was a French captain on the front seat, leaning against the side of the car. He was dead. There were three stretcher cases in the back of the ambulance, also dead.

We saw two farmers in the next field and they told us what had happened. They said the ambulance was driving alone when you came over in a formation of twenty-five planes.

Suddenly you left the formation and swooped down. You dropped one bomb behind the car and that made it swerve into the ditch.

**You Did A Good, Efficient Job**

Then you dropped another one in front of it. After that you swerved around and came back and machine-gunned the ambulance.

There were big Red Crosses painted on both sides and on the top of the ambulance, so you had a good target. The driver was the only one saved. He had been carried off, wounded, just a few minutes before we got there.

You did a good, efficient job and nobody can take it away from you.

People get bored with war stories after a while, but you needn't worry about that. You can keep this letter to show them that you were good.

If you ever have any children, you can tell them about that day on the Corbell-Cert road.

If there are any sceptics around doubting you, have them write to Jack Thorensen or me.

We'll back you up. We'll be glad to tell anybody what happened.

### Mrs. King Leaving Colony

Going To Australia This Week

MRS. JESSIE MARY KING, wife of the Commissioner of Police, the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, will be leaving the Colony this week for Australia with her husband and two daughters, the Misses Catherine and Jan King, and her mother, Mrs. A. Hoskin.

A resident in the Colony since 1912, Mrs. King has been closely identified with the Girl Guides Association since its inception, serving as Secretary when Lady Peel was President, and later taking the rank of Divisional Commissioner. In July, 1939, at the Executive Committee Meeting of the Association, she was unanimously appointed Colony Commissioner.

Since her arrival in the Colony Mrs. King has always had an active interest in charitable and social organizations, serving on committees and devoting much of her time to the furtherance of their aims. She has been especially interested in the children of Hongkong, and has been serving as President of the Ministering League. As recognition of her charitable work she was made a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Civil Division) in November 1937.

#### Guiders' Presentation

On Monday a Guiders' meeting was held at Sandilands Hut when Mrs. King was presented with a scroll bearing the names of all Guiders in Hongkong and those who have been evacuated. The scroll was illustrated with a painting of Hongkong and a sketch of the Hut by Mr. J. Arnold. About 17 Guiders in Council were present.

After ten a short business meeting was held to discuss the re-opening of Guide Companies in the Colony. With the evacuation of so many Guiders, guiding will be somewhat limited for the present. Mrs. A. R. H. Phillips, Colony Secretary, explained that, although there were still a large number of Guiders of Chinese and other nationalities in Hongkong and Kowloon, there were not enough Guiders to take charge of all the Companies. The companies belonging to the Convents, for instance, would have to wait until competent leaders could be appointed to take the place of the absent Guiders.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS DONATIONS TO WAR FUND FOR BOMBER PLANES

Considerably augmented by an encouraging and generous donation of \$1,000 from Mr. and Mrs. R. Johannessen yesterday, total of \$121,269.12 was reached by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd. The latest donations are:

Mr. and Mrs. R. Johannessen, \$1,000; Mental Hospital Staff, (3rd. donation), \$100; Hongkong Cricket League, \$100; Mr. J. Bentley, \$20; Messrs. S. J. Williamson & Co., \$50; the Bank Line (China) Ltd., \$25; Mr. S. L. Lloyd, \$10; China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., \$10; Mr. T. Black, J.P., \$10; Messrs. Shun Cheong & Co., \$10; Dr. Ho Kiu-tun, \$10; Mr. G. P. Charlton, \$5; Mr. D. L. Newbould, \$5; Mr. W. C. Botcherby, \$5; Mr. P. F. Mac Cabe, \$5; Mr. P. K. Kwok, \$5; Mr. G. B. Godfrey, \$5; Dr. D. C. Wong, \$5; Messrs. Udonal & Assudomal Co., \$5; G.M.M., \$5; Mr. W. J. Wooley, \$5; Mr. G. K. Oliver, \$5; Hongkong Rubber Manufactory Ltd., \$5; already acknowledged in South China Morning Post, \$5; Messrs. Leo Bros., \$2; Two friends \$1 each, \$2; Per Mr. Lee—A group of friends, \$5; Mr. Y. H. Ho, \$5; Mr. P. C. Wong, \$5; Mr. Y. T. Ho, \$5; Mr. L. S. Lee, \$5; Mr. W. O. Chiu, \$5; Miss L. L. Li, \$5; Mr. P. P. Chan, \$5; Mr. C. H. Ng, \$5; Mr. S. F. Fu, \$5; Mrs. King Lee, \$5; Dr. K. C. Lam, \$5; Mr. L. C. Lee, \$5; Per Mr. Wong—A group of friends, \$10.20.

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LORD WOOLTON, Food Minister, has suggested to Mr. Anthony Eden that he should use his powers as War Minister and send troops into unoccupied gardens to prevent vegetables and fruit being wasted.

A letter from an Army welfare officer in the south-east, asking evacuated householders to let troops use the garden produce in their abandoned gardens, has brought from most householders a ready consent.

Some, however, have told the welfare officer that in no circumstances will they let soldiers touch the vegetables and fruit now running to waste.

### Onions And Carrots

MR. ROBERT BOOTHBY, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, said that they hope to arrange for abandoned gardens to be replanted with onions and carrots.

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### Egg Prices Watched

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It supports the action of many grocers who supply eggs only to their registered customers.

THE Ministry also asks the public to go on buying canned fruits and vegetables, but to keep your hand away from the tin-opener as much as possible.

## LATE NEWS

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At 7.45 p.m. several large waves of enemy aircraft crossed the coast. Kent in the direction of London and large forces were despatched to intercept them.

The enemy promptly scattered and did not penetrate further inland than Kent.

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## 500,000 ITALIAN TROOPS MARCH INTO EGYPT

*Special to the "Telegraph"*

OVER 100,000 Scots, Australian, New Zealand and Indian troops were reported last night to be entrenching around Mersa Matruh, where, apparently, General Wavell plans to begin the real fighting against Graziani's invading Italian forces.

Streaming over the desert tableland along the southern caravan highways, Italian forces totalling over half a million men are converging on Alexandria, 250 miles away, from at least three directions, says "United Press."

### Japanese Want 100,000 Men Sent Overland To The Yunnan Border

## INDO-CHINA: NEW DEMANDS REPORT

Two new demands have been presented by the Japanese to the French Indo-China Government, according to a "Ta Kung Pao" dispatch from Chungking.

These are the passage of 100,000 Japanese to the French Indo-China-Yunnan border and the use of the Hanoi-Dongdang route.

The French, however, are said to permit only 12,000 Japanese troops to land and pass through Haiphong, Hanoi and Laos. Dongdang is to be used only as a transit centre for Japanese military supplies.

Admiral Decoux, says "Central News," insists that French Indo-China should adopt "independent action" in the present crisis whether it be resistance, submission or semi-submission. Competent observers believe that the French authorities will most probably adopt the last measure.

**Chinese Will Retaliate**

Chinese official circles indicate that if Japanese troops are sent into French Indo-China, Chinese troops will cross the Yunnan border for self-defence as previously announced.

A Hanoi report says that owing to the present rainy season, large-scale Japanese military operations may have to be postponed to the beginning of October. Most of the highways in French Indo-China are now muddy.

**Old Demands Repeated**

CHUNGKING, Sept. 18 (Reuter).—The Japanese are demanding that Franco-Japanese control in Indo-China, according to the official "Central Daily News," which states that the Japanese want partitioning of Indo-China into three zones:

- (1) The northern part of the French colony to be placed under Japanese control.
- (2) The central part to be converted into a buffer zone.
- (3) The southern part to be under French control.

Japan is also demanding the use of Hanoi as a Japanese air base with coastal harbours and ports as Japanese naval bases.

The paper points out, however, that it has no definite information whether the above demands are incorporated in the agreement still under discussion.

The paper further alleges that Japanese Fifth Columnists are very active in Indo-China, where rains are said to be making roads and highways impassable.

The rainy season, however, is stated to be coming to an end at the close of this month, after which "conditions in Indo-China cannot remain unchanged."

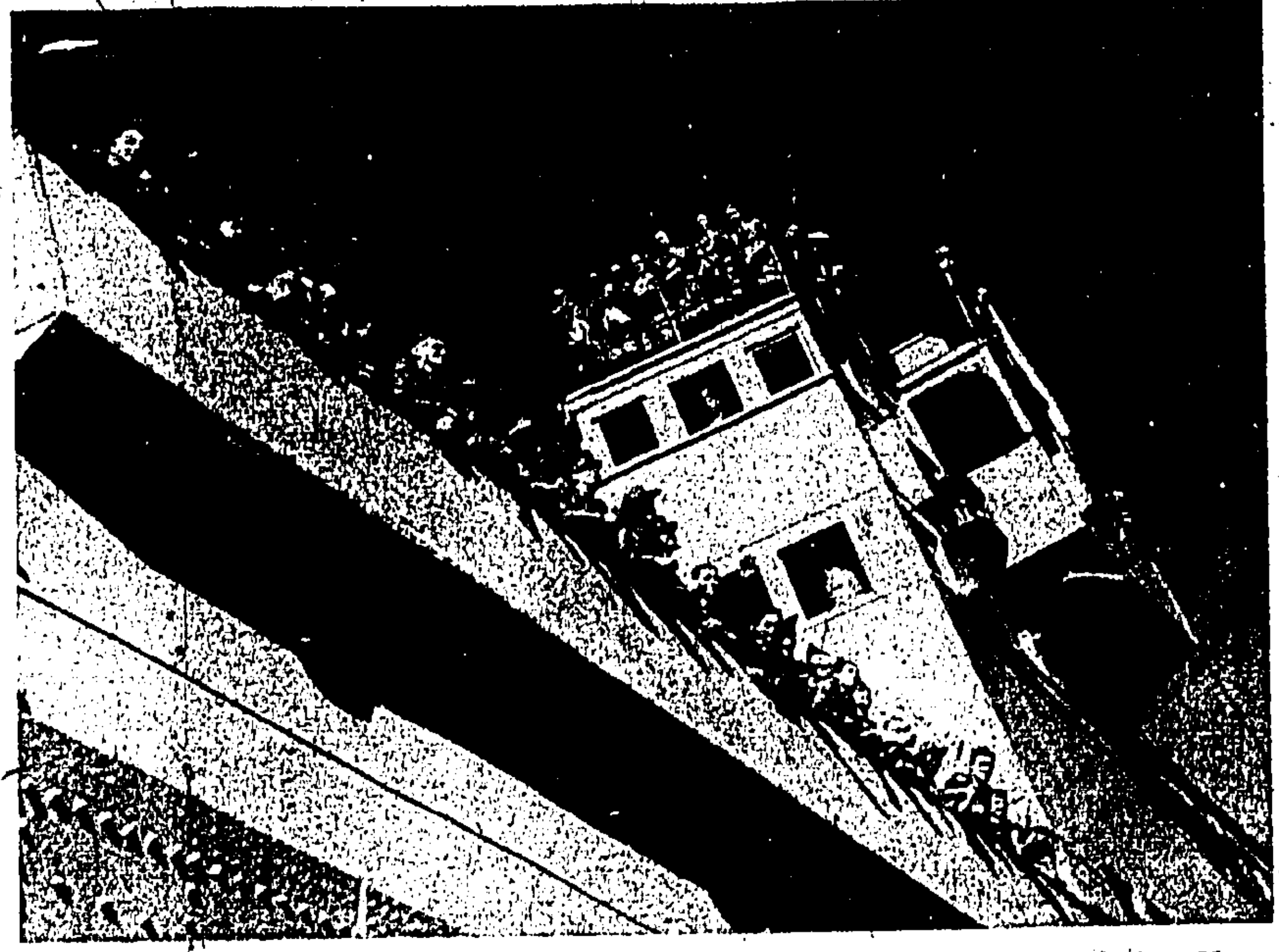
### Maharajah Of Nepal's \$25,000 Gift

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The Maharajah of Nepal has instructed the Nepalese Minister in London to present \$25,000 for the relief of east of London.

His Majesty's Government have expressed their grateful thanks.

The British Red Cross of Jerusalem has been presented with nine all-steel ambulances by the Australian Red Cross. They will be built locally.

## AUSTRALIANS ARE READY FOR GRAZIANI



Australian, New Zealand, Scottish and Indian troops are reported entrenched at Mersa Matruh, awaiting the Italian advance. Here are some of the Australian troops arriving in the Middle East. With them are Australian nursing sisters who have now established base hospitals in Egypt.

## CONFIDENT WE SHALL WIN

**U.S. Secretary for Navy**

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—Colonel Frank Knox, the U.S. Secretary for the Navy, said yesterday that he now feels quite confident about Britain's chances of defeating Germany.

He believes that the chances of a successful invasion of Britain are getting weaker every day. The Germans must destroy British air power before they can invade Britain.

They have not done so, he pointed out.

The German 3-1 advantage is decreasing. The Nazi losses of men are total losses whereas many English pilots have returned to fight again.

## MOROCCO REVOLT AGAINST VICHY

**Rioting Throughout Casa Blanca**

A REVOLT against the Petain Government is reported to have broken out in French Morocco, the great protectorate of 162,120 square miles on the Atlantic coast of Africa.

Only the most meagre details are available.

"United Press", quoting despatches from Tangiers, received through Gibraltar, states that there is rioting throughout Casa Blanca, the big seaport.

## R.A.F. & Nazis Fight In 70 m.p.h. Gale

**Fighters In Combat**

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—Air battles were fought in a 100-mile an hour gale over Kent, Sussex, Surrey and the Thames Estuary this afternoon between British and German fighters.

According to the Air Ministry news service, German fighters were seen over the Channel "after having their bomber squadrons 'cut to rags and tatters' in Sunday's fights over London—more than 200 Messerschmitts and Heinkel fighters.

Although the British pilots were handicapped by heavy clouds when searching for the enemy, they destroyed four machines, while anti-aircraft gunners on the southeast coast also shot down two.

The first formation of Messerschmitts approached the coast at 2 p.m., and continued to come over in waves of 20 and 30 for the next half an hour.

At 25,000 feet over Maidstone twelve Spitfires, says the news service, routed a formation of Messerschmitts. Although these famous former auxiliary pilots do not claim to have definitely destroyed any of the German pilots, they said on landing that "one was swaying in a dive with 'smoke pouring from its fuselage; a second was flying very slowly at 1,000 feet, and a third was spinning out of control."

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## SINGLE RAIDERS ATTACK LONDON'S WEST END

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The first hours of the raid this evening appeared to be far less lively than in the last three days.

Planes came over singly or in small groups. Bursting shells followed them through the clouds.

Raiders in the London area were greeted not only by the usual barrage but by a number of searchlights. These had been markedly few during the past six days.

Very soon after the alarm was sounded, several planes drove towards Central London, but they swiftly moved out again when met by salvo after salvo from many guns.

### Fighters Driven Back

LONDON, Sept. 17 (UP).—Fifty German planes, the majority of them fighters, crossed the southeast coast during the afternoon.

The formations were broken up by anti-aircraft fire and shortly thereafter a number were seen returning to their bases over the Channel. All the planes were flying at great height.

### Damage in West End

On Monday night, a four-storey business house on Saville Row, West End, was flattened by a direct hit by a bomb after which it caught fire. Its apartment blocks in the West End, accommodating about 1,000 persons were compulsorily evacuated this afternoon.

Piccadilly, Park Lane, Berkeley Square, Bond Street, Oxford Street, Sloane Square, Mayfair and Bruton Street were also bombed.

In many places in the west end, the scenes are reminiscent of the East End which was bombed and suffered largely in earlier raids.

A number of very well known stores in the West End with world-wide clients were either wholly or partly closed, the plate glass windows shattered and the fashionable shopping streets carpeted with glass.

## LATEST

It is stated that many persons were arrested over the week-end.

The reports add that Spanish troops are being concentrated on the frontiers of French Morocco as a precautionary measure.

## Indo-China Envoy Leaves Ends H.K. Negotiations

Wing-Commander Louis Castex, representative of the French Indo-China Government, left Hongkong for Hanoi by Imperial Airways Dardanus from Kai Tak airport at 7 a.m. this morning.

M. Castex was sent from Hanoi to negotiate for the release of seven aeroplanes destined for the Flying School in Hanoi, which had been detained by the authorities in Hongkong since July. Release of the aircraft was obtained last week.

The plane was in charge of Captain W. C. Cross and First Officer J. A. Samuels, and carried 92.5 kilos of freight and 95.814 kilos of mail.

The next outward service is due to leave on Sunday.

## U.S. Sees Possible Threat To Gibraltar

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The American capital is evincing considerable interest in Senator Sumner's visit to Berlin.

### Swift Changes Likely

These possibilities, added to private reports from France that Vichy is strongly resisting the German peace terms and may flatly reject them, lead many here to believe that swift changes in the Western European line-up are more than possible—even probable.

Colour is given to these beliefs by reports here that the French air force is now on Spanish soil.

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All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

## H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

**BANKS**

H.K. Banks \$ 1,310 n.  
H.K. Banks \$ 67 n.  
H.K. Banks (H.K.) \$ 67 n.  
Chartered \$ 27 1/2 n.  
Mercantile, A. & B. \$ 11 1/2 n.  
East Asiatic \$ 72 n.

**INSURANCES**

Canton \$ 102 b.  
Union \$ 403 n.  
China Underwriters \$ 1 s.  
H.K. Fire \$ 150 b.

**SHIPPING**

Douglases \$ 120 n.  
Stoutons \$ 11 n.  
Indo-China P. \$ 100 n.  
Indo-China D. \$ 80 n.  
Shell (Bearers) \$ 30 1/2 n.  
Waterbush \$ 60 n.

**DOCKS ETC.**

Wharves \$ 91 b.  
Docks (old) \$ 140 n.  
Docks (new) \$ 16 1/2 n.  
Providents \$ 4 10 b.  
Shui Dockyards \$ 35 n.

**MINING**

Kailan \$ 15 n.  
Kailan \$ 0 55 n.  
Kailan \$ 14 1/2 n.

**LANDS**

Hotels \$ 3 50 s.  
Lands \$ 30 1/2 b.  
Lands 4. Debentures \$ 100 n.  
Shui Lands \$ 12 n.  
Humphreys \$ 7 00 b.  
H.K. Realities \$ 24 00 n.  
Chinese Estates \$ 10 1/2 n.

**UTILITIES**

Trams \$ 15 00 s.  
Peak Trams (old) \$ 7 40 n.  
Peak Trams (new) \$ 3 70 n.  
Star Ferries \$ 60 n.  
Y. Ferries \$ 6 00 b.

**INDUSTRIALS**

China Lights (old) \$ 34 b.  
China Lights (new) \$ 37 1/2 b.  
H.K. Electric (old) \$ 37 n.  
H.K. Electric (new) \$ 37 n.  
Macao Electric (old) \$ 17 n.  
Macao Electric (new) \$ 16 n.  
Sandakan Lights \$ 11 n.  
Telephones (old) \$ 24 1/2 s.  
Telephones (new) \$ 9 1/2 b.

**INDUSTRIALS**

Cold Merg (Ord.) \$ 14 00 n.  
Cold Merg (Pref.) \$ 12 n.  
Canton Ice \$ 1 n.  
Cement \$ 10 n.  
H.K. Ropes \$ 5 1/2 n.

**STORES, &c.**

Dairy Farms \$ 10 1/2 n.  
Watsons \$ 9 n.  
Lau Chee Yee \$ 7 40 n.  
Sincere \$ 2 15 n.  
Wing On (H.K.) \$ 30 n.  
Powell Ltd \$ 1 n.

**COTTON MILLS**

Ewo Sh \$ 41 n.  
Shai Cotton Sh \$ 102 n.

**MISC.**

H.K. Govt 4 1/2 \$ 90 1/2 n.  
H.K. Govt 3 1/2 (1934) \$ 95 n.  
H.K. Govt 3 1/2 (1940) \$ 85 n.  
Ch Govt 5 1/2 1925 \$ 85 1/2 n.  
H.K. Entertainments \$ 0 00 b.  
Constructions (old) \$ 1 00 n.  
Constructions (new) \$ 1 n.  
Vibro Piling \$ 8 s.  
Marsmans Inv. (Lon) \$ 8 1/2 n.  
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) \$ 4 1/2 n.

**Boy Of 12 Mothered Children**

A BOY of twelve had to be father and mother to five younger children, get their breakfast, and put them to bed while the father was out at work.

This was stated at Folkestone when sentence of three months' hard labour each was passed on William Henry Elliott, of Shollons-street, Folkestone, and Eleanor Doris, his wife, for neglecting the children in a manner likely to cause them unnecessary suffering and injury to their health.

The mother left home in February, leaving no one to care for the children except the father. The chairman of the bench (Dr. F. W. Watson) said that in forty-five years' experience of this kind of case he did not remember anything worse.

**Australia's £50,000 To Red Cross**

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—Mr. R. C. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, said to-day that the Federal War Cabinet has decided to give £50,000 to the Red Cross.

The St. John Ambulance Fund has received £25,000 from the Australia Red Cross.

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—Economic negotiations between Japan and the Netherlands East Indies opened at Batavia to-day.

No communiqué has yet been issued about the first meeting which lasted 1 1/2 hours.

## INVASION BASES BOMBED

### FROM PAGE ONE

on an aerodrome in a high level attack.

**Destructive R.A.F. Raids**

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The great destructive effects of the R.A.F. raids on Germany cannot be concealed no matter how much the Nazi censors try, as messages received in London to-day show.

A Biele message says that trains from northern and western Germany are arriving up to 14 hours late.

These parts of Germany are among those getting very keen attention from British bombers.

Another interesting report comes from Berlin itself. It is to the effect that the Germans are transporting by land giant barges from the Baltic to the Danube where they are badly needed for shipments of oil and grain from Rumania.

Water transport is slow, being only six miles an hour. It is more than probable that the destruction of railway wagons by the R.A.F. is at least partly responsible for the decision to transport barges.

## Latest Air Mail Services

The arrivals and departures of planes are as follows:

From London, Australia and British countries, Imperial Airways service due September 20.

From USA via Honolulu and Manila—Pan American California Clipper, due September 21.

From Chungking—C.N.A.C. and Eurasia Aviation Corporation.

Imperial Airways leaving on September 22.

For USA via Manila and Honolulu—California Clipper leaving September 22.

For Chungking—C.N.A.C. and Eurasia Aviation Corporation.

**Nazis Are Drawing A (Very) Long Bow**

Shelling of London Denied

LONDON, Sept. 17 (U.P.).

Authoritative circles here contradicted the reports in the German press hinting that long range German guns have been shelling London from France.

**Speeding-Up War Production**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).

According to the "Daw-Jones" agency, the War Department, apparently with support of the White House, has sent Congress a request for \$300,000,000 for enlargement of aeroplane-manufacturing facilities and speeding up production.

**U.S. SEES THREAT TO GIBRALTAR**

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**R.A.F. & NAZIS IN GALE**

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T.T. Manila 44  
T.T. Batavia 41 1/4  
T.T. Bangkok 140 1/4  
T.T. Saigon 95 1/4  
T.T. France 95  
T.T. Switzerland 95  
T.T. Australia 1/6 1/4

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London 1/3 1/4  
4 m/s D/P London 1/3 1/4  
4 m/s L/C U.S.A. 23  
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Each man will have had 150 flying hours in Australia followed by another course in Canada or Britain.

## U.S. Red Cross Generosity

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The United States Red Cross has sent supplies and cash to a total value of about £1,000,000 for the relief of civilian war victims in Britain.

Since the beginning of the heavy raids on London, the American Red Cross has provided £5,000 in clothes for women and £1,000 in warm coats for men, £18,000 worth of boots and shoes, large quantities of material and other warm clothes.

Most of this is distributed among people who have lost their homes or have suffered heavily in the Nazi raids on the East End of London.

## INTERNING NAZI SYMPATHISERS

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—Nazi sympathisers among the people of Britain will be separated from others and will be put into a special camp.

Some of the women interned in the Isle of Man have already been put into a special camp. They are the ones with Nazi sympathies.

A total of 2,500 have already been released, 17,000 are still interned.

## HURRICANE HITS EAST CANADA

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—A 70-mile-an-hour hurricane, the worst in 50 years, is now raging on the east coast of Canada from Halifax to Prince Edward Island.

Train services have been interrupted, telegraph services are cut and streets are flooded.

The city of St. John, New Brunswick, was without electric light on Monday night.

No casualties are reported.

## U.S. SKIPPER FINED \$100

Captain H. T. McCaw, master of the American freighter City of Los Angeles, was fined \$100 by Comdr. F. H. Hulse, Harbour Master, at the Marine Court this morning after he had pleaded guilty to a summons of having disobeyed an order of the Harbour Master on April 20 this year by anchoring his ship in a prohibited and controlled area—the Tathong Channel Minefield.

It was his first time in this port, added Captain McCaw.

Sergeant Tate prosecuted.

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## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: The market remains under the cloud of neglect.

**Buyers**

H.K. Banks \$1,200  
H.K. Fire Insurances \$100  
Providents \$4.10  
Hotels \$3.40  
Lands \$30.25  
Humphreys \$7

**Sellers**

Wharves \$0.4  
Hotels \$3.55  
Trams \$10  
Docks (old) \$10.80

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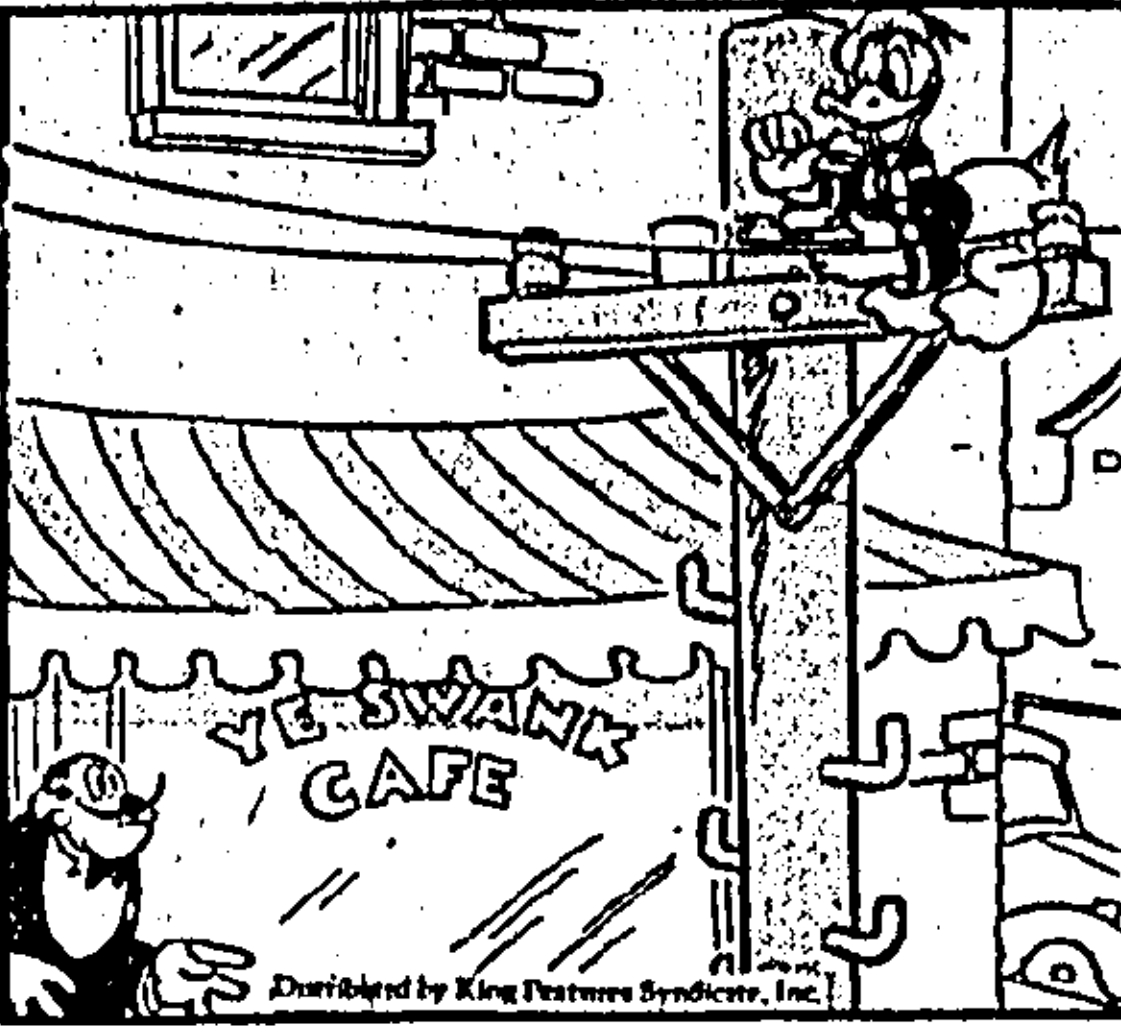
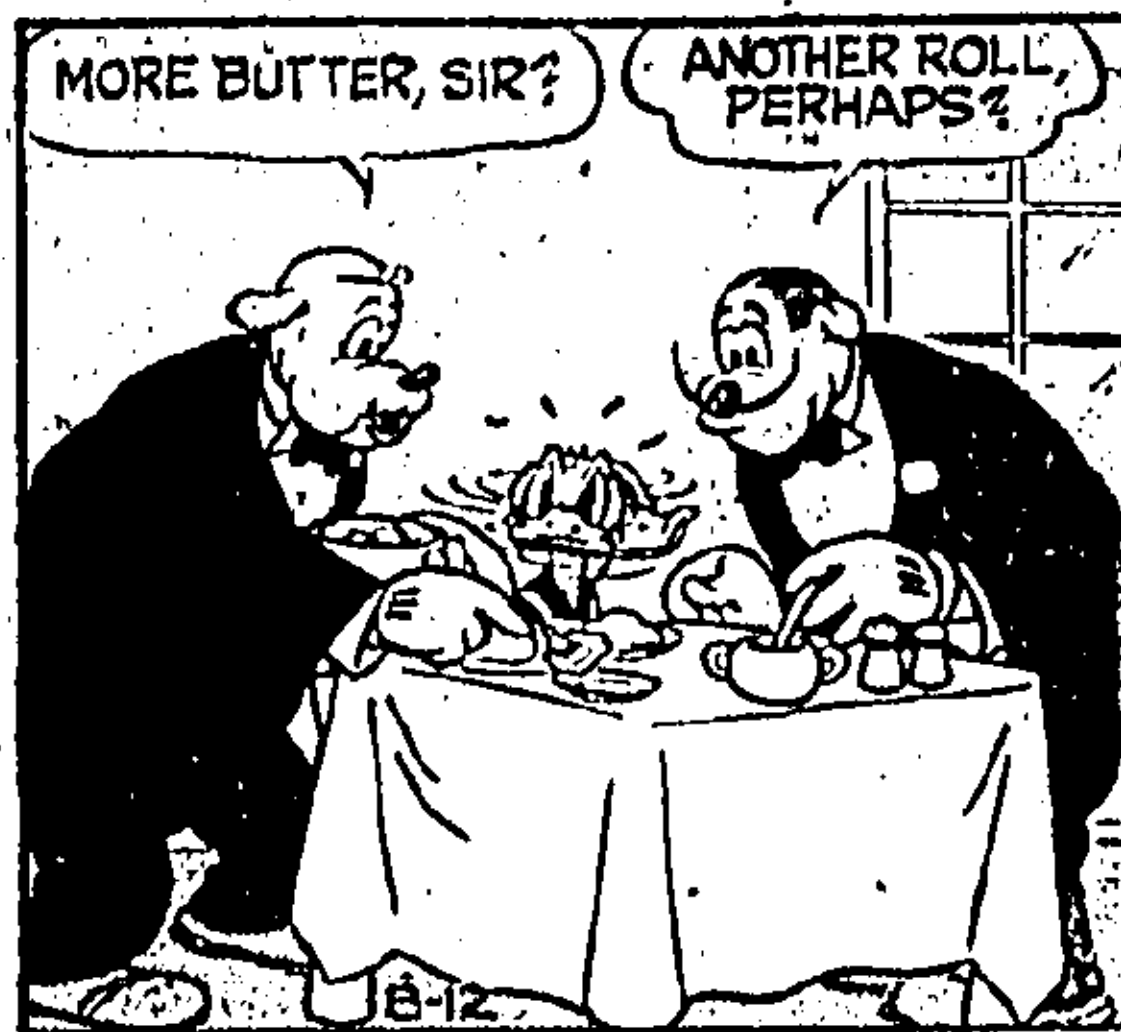
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## MAGAZINE PAGE

A story that will inspire you

THE  
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By DUDLEY BARKER

THIS is not merely a story of a small British force playing a minor part in a campaign which is now ended.

It is the story of any British soldier, keeping his head in difficult and dangerous, performing the seemingly impossible simply by sticking quietly to his job.

It shows what happens when an ordinary British civilian turned soldier is thrown into gigantic battle without ever having been under fire before.

It is the story, just released by the War Office, of which, in the end, will beat Hitler.

A month ago, when the armies were struggling in the battle of the Somme, the British needed to establish a defence line along the river Bethune, to cover the western Channel ports and Rouen.

The only men available were those in the base depots—some men returning from leave, some who had been left to guard stores, some units of the Pioneer Corps, a few Army cooks, and so on.

Part of the force hurriedly scribbled together from these units was a battalion christened Newcomb's Rifles, although the officer who gave them their name was put into another job, and they chose a colonel of the Royal Engineers to command them.

## BROOMSTICK ARMY

He was Lieut.-Colonel L. E. C. Perowne, a huge man, of great physical strength, with fierce red hair and a red moustache.

He it was who took Newcomb's Rifles, fewer than 600 men, up to Bethune. Many of them were militiamen who had never been under fire. They had never trained as a unit, they did not know each other.

At first they had a lot of fun. They knew that there were only 2,000 British soldiers to line the 57-mile front, to face first the flood of panic-stricken refugees and then the broken, fleeing French troops, and finally, the huge German divisions. They could not hope to hold, only to delay.

So they built a lot of bogs for the Germans—dummy emplacement manned by tent poles wearing steel helmets, trenches full of military scarecrows, literally a broomstick army.

They mined the bridges, they put up wire, they scattered the line with real strong posts, land mines, tank traps and road blocks.

Every day they were pitilessly bombed, but they stood firm. Every day they sent out patrols, wondering whether the storm would break then, or a little later—and all the time the refugees flooded through them, for the Germans were at Abbeville, and Amiens.

## "ROBIN HOOD"

On June 7 things began to look so bad that Colonel Perowne drew up a plan for withdrawal. In small separate parties, to the Seine ferries. He had to give it a code name, and he chose a grand one. He called it "Robin Hood."

Next day he knew the retreat was inevitable. So Colonel Perowne sent out his message.

"Robin Hood. Blow all bridges and cutters before leaving. Take

particular care against an observation. No special duty.

No special duty. And all the time the bombers were smashing over.

No special duty, said the R.E. colonel to his misty of two British soldiers.

They took him at his word. They carefully drew up the bridges, set the traps, and started in small parties through the woods and valleys towards the Seine. They calmly carried out orders.

These men who had not previously been under fire, who a year before might have been city clerks, shop assistants, fought a rearguard action as though they were the Guards.

## MEN OF ALL WORK

Not only did they save themselves, they helped the struggling mass of refugees through whom they passed.

One company went right through the forest of Tril by compass bearings, avoiding all roads and paths, which were in German occupation. They came out only 100 yards from the spot at which they were aiming.

Another company, the nearest to Rouen where the Germans were in force, sending out parties to cut off the retreat, was rescued by Colonel Perowne in his car, and carried in several journeys to the River Seine at Fontaine.

On the last journey, after dark had fallen, his car ran into a concertina wire draped round the night camp of a group of German tanks.

Automatic weapons opened fire at once. A heavier gun shelled and wrecked the car. Nobody was hit, so the Colonel and his intelligence officer held on while the party slipped off into the woods.

Then the Colonel was chased for three hours by the Germans. He moved through the woods in the dark intervals between Verey lights. He got away.

## TANK DODGING

Just before dawn four German tanks came rumbling up to battalion rear headquarters, which were hiding in a barn.

One tank turned in at the farm gate, the few British soldiers watching through a crack in the door.

Then one man crawled from the barn, slipped open a second farmyard gate, and the whole little party dashed out in a small car and on two motor-cycles. They got away too, stopping to pick up their comrades on the way out.

The surprised tanks shot so wildly that they clean missed them.

When they had all reached the river, amidst wrecked towns under a pall of burning oil dumps, they found that the French ferry boats had tied up on the opposite bank, and did not seem to hear when they were called.

So one company camped for the night in a line among the rocks, ringed round with the enemy.

Next morning the ferries started to work. But the men of Newcomb's Rifles had to control the refugees, the French troops, who were clamouring to fight the incendiary bomb fire which threatened to demolish a jammed mass of vehicles—and then the ferry captain tied up on the far side again, refusing to come back.

So a few of Newcomb's Rifles swam the river, arrested the cap-

## Ireland's Fifth Column

BY DAVID  
WOODWARD

Special Correspondent, recently returned from a tour of Ireland

WITH the world full of rumour about the doings of Hitler's Fifth Columns in nearly every country it is natural that the potentialities of the Irish Fifth Column should be the subject of special attention.

Nowhere could Hitler find such centres of hatred against Britain, nowhere could he find such daring and ruthless allies as amongst the men of the I.R.A. German agents have already been able to accomplish so much in neutral countries that it is natural that in these specially favourable circumstances the wildest tales of their prodigies in Eire should be in circulation.

For this the Irish Government itself is in some measure responsible, for the rigorous censorship which is carried on by Mr. de Valera's officials from what was once Queen Victoria's bedroom in Dublin Castle forbids to visiting journalists the mere mention of an Irish Fifth Column. Rumours and scares flourish the more abundantly as the Irish forbid the conditions which give rise to them even to be discussed.

But after a fortnight's careful search of Eire—and some knowledge gleaned in Denmark and Holland of how Fifth Columns work—I came to the conclusion that there was no Fifth Column in Ireland comparable in power and size to those which Hitler organised so successfully in Scandinavia and the Low Countries.

In organising their supporters in Ireland the Germans have not been able to draw upon the two most important elements which contributed to the success of their Fifth Column activities elsewhere—a large German colony and a considerable political party within the country ready to do their bidding. There are only 326 Germans in Eire, and of these 140 are refugees and in view of the fantastic conduct of General O'Duffy it is easy to understand why no further attempt has been made to start another Fascist Party in Eire.

The German Legation in Dublin is conducting itself very discreetly. Almost its only activity is protesting against the anti-German attitude of the Irish newspapers.

The Legation has a personnel of eight—as compared with the British Office and the American Legation, which have nine persons each, and the Italians, who have five. This figure also compares

well with that for the former German Legation in The Hague, where there were 100 persons employed, including 42 Secretaries of Legation and Attaches.

It is of interest to note that the classes in which the Germans are trying to recruit their key men are two which have always, in every country, been centres of pro-Nazi discontent—the small business men and the young intellectuals faced with a future of poorly-paid jobs.

Almost all business and industry in Eire is conducted, save for the British and American firms, on a very small scale, and all the small-scale business men think they have the usual small-scale business man's grievances against bankers. The fact that the bankers in Ireland are considered by the average Irishman as "Britain's Fifth Column" does not help matters.

These men are mostly just the "N.C.O.s" of the movement, the real leaders having for the most part fled to Germany, and the rank and file—numbering, perhaps, but only perhaps, some 2,000—being still at large.

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well with that for the former German Legation in The Hague, where there were 100 persons employed, including 42 Secretaries of Legation and Attaches.

It is of interest to note that the classes in which the Germans are trying to recruit their key men are two which have always, in every country, been centres of pro-Nazi discontent—the small business men and the young intellectuals faced with a future of poorly-paid jobs.

Almost all business and industry in Eire is conducted, save for the British and American firms, on a very small scale, and all the small-scale business men think they have the usual small-scale business man's grievances against bankers. The fact that the bankers in Ireland are considered by the average Irishman as "Britain's Fifth Column" does not help matters.

These men are mostly just the "N.C.O.s" of the movement, the real leaders having for the most part fled to Germany, and the rank and file—numbering, perhaps, but only perhaps, some 2,000—being still at large.

As to whether I.R.A. men have been able to smuggle themselves into the Irish Army there exists a complete difference of opinion between official sources and the opponents of the De Valera Government.

Apart from financing the I.R.A. and harbouring its exiled leaders, the German policy with regard to Fifth Column activities in Eire has been devoted almost entirely to lining up prominent individuals who might be useful later on as Quailings or deputy-Quailings.

## Crossword Puzzle

By LAUREN MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Stinging insect
- 2—Wide awake
- 3—Early material
- 4—Body of ship
- 5—Kind of bear
- 6—Barbarian of Charlemagne's time
- 7—Melody
- 8—Crabapple
- 9—Central hub of wheel
- 10—Starchy dessert
- 11—Intervened
- 12—Confused
- 13—Crown
- 14—Last of corolla
- 15—Wretched dwelling
- 16—Youth
- 17—Change
- 18—Dr
- 19—Human race
- 20—Mallards
- 21—Bird (singing)
- 22—Fading frocks
- 23—Forward pass
- 24—Fiddle drum
- 25—Food
- 26—Mia
- 27—Overstuffed memento
- 28—Bent-like fish
- 29—Express train
- 30—Striped mammal
- 31—Fish (scabbard)
- 32—Movie screen
- 33—Windpipe
- 34—Young salmon
- 35—Girl's name
- 36—Woman's undergarment
- 37—Little wings
- 38—Put in prison
- 39—Girl's name

DOWN

- 1—Interrogative word
- 2—Onion bread
- 3—Woman's undergarment
- 4—Unsettled
- 5—Hiss
- 6—Dreadful organ
- 7—Referring to British War Minister
- 8—Fibrous composition
- 9—Charles
- 10—Tale University
- 11—Stayed
- 12—Apply special process to
- 13—One who mutilates
- 14—Sag-shaped
- 15—Baths
- 16—Intimate with
- 17—Horror
- 18—Mother of Ishmael
- 19—Baths
- 20—Back of neck (pl.)
- 21—Friedrich (referred to)
- 22—For disease
- 23—Mother of Ishmael
- 24—Baths
- 25—Essential to life
- 26—Days used for travel
- 27—Turn saunter
- 28—Give temporarily
- 29—Faint bed
- 30—Days used for travel
- 31—Turn saunter
- 32—Give temporarily
- 33—Faint bed
- 34—Days used for travel
- 35—Turn saunter
- 36—Give temporarily
- 37—Faint bed
- 38—Days used for travel
- 39—Turn saunter
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- 41—Faint bed
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- 65—Faint bed
- 66—Days used for travel
- 67—Turn saunter

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1.45 Dance Music.

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8.35 Dance Music.

8.50 p.m. London Relay—The News.

9.30 "Matters of Moment."

9.45 A Chronological Programme of French and Italian Composers.

11.00 Close Down.

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PLANES

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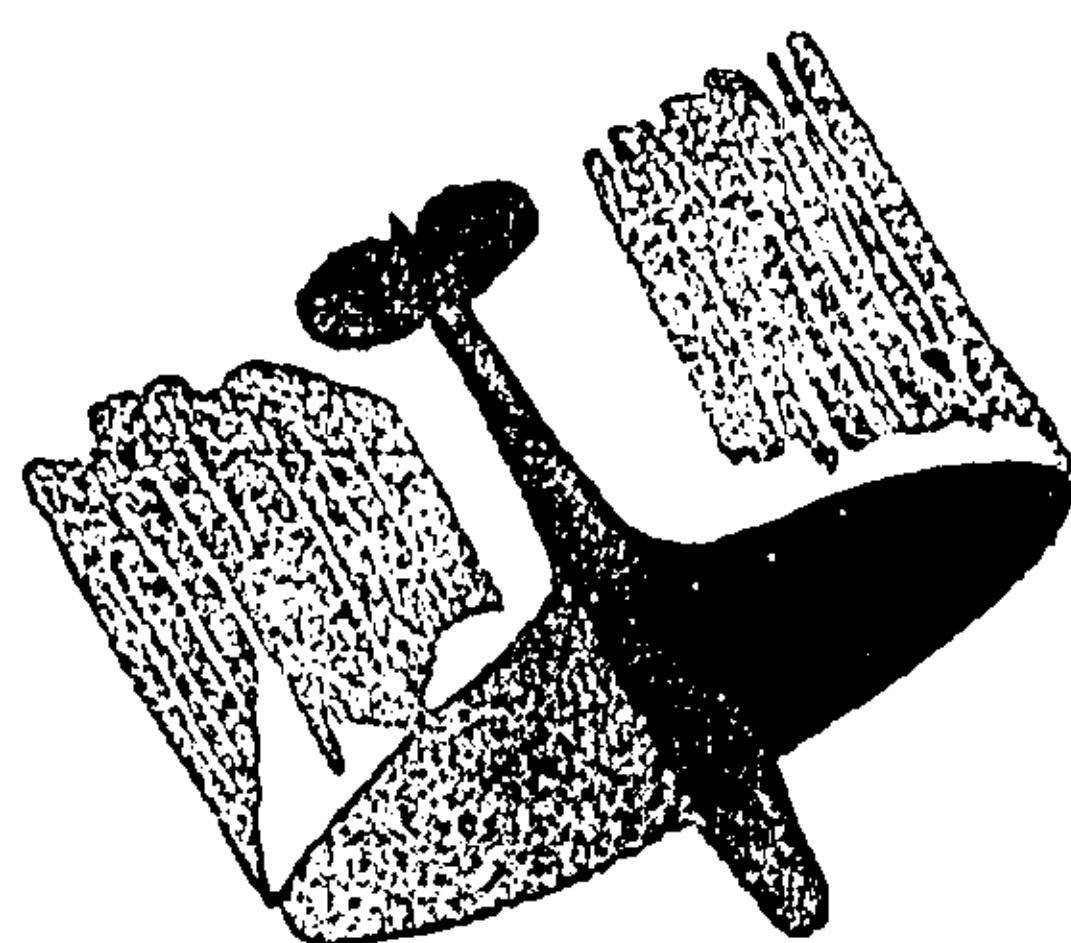
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**Gallants of England**

In a crescendo of screaming planes and fierce air fighting, the Battle for Britain has raged for over a month. It is on a scale which could not have been dreamed of a few years ago, and once more Britain is surviving one of those strenuous tests which have marked her long and glorious island story. The German Reich is dashing its mighty air strength against what has proved, so far at least, an almost impenetrable wall of fighting planes. Whether the present action is part of the main blow which is to be aimed at the Mother Country or is but the opening phase of a plan involving an attempted sea invasion, a gleam of light is appearing through the clouds which have so long obscured the future.

There is now no question of Britain being defeated in this air battle. The spirit of her people has proved so strong and resolute, and the skill, courage, and tenacity of her young flying men have inflicted such appalling losses on the enemy that we know that Britain can withstand even heavier assaults. The vital importance of this fact lies in the knowledge that Germany is now nearing the maximum in her air striking power. She may increase the number of machines sent over Britain, but she is rapidly approaching the limit of safety for herself. Once she goes beyond this she will be risking the whole existence of her air force. Too great an effort would mean that the much vaunted Luftwaffe would smash itself into such a state of disorganisation and demoralisation that Germany would suffer from her own massed air attacks in this war as she suffered from massed infantry attacks in the last.

What has happened so far is a promise of what is to come. It will be a matter of scale, not of principle, that heavy losses will be inflicted on the raiders in the ratio of about one machine destroyed in five, that the corresponding British losses will be comparatively small, and that the damage caused by bombs, extensive and grievous though it may be, will not inflict a mortal wound on the nation. The results will not justify the enormous effort and cost which Germany is putting into obtaining them.

This is a thoroughly considered statement, because the information being given out by the British authorities is accurate and reliable. There is no exaggeration in the figures supplied about German planes destroyed, and no diminution of our own losses. As much as can be safely divulged about the damage caused by the bombs is divulged. Many Hongkong people, far away from the scene, are asking how much damage is really being done. There is a feeling that this must be heavier than it appears on the surface. It can be stated authoritatively that the British communications give as accurate a statement of the real position as is possible without betraying valuable information to the enemy. Owing to a number of reasons, neither the material destruction nor the casualties are as heavy as might be thought. Chief of these reasons is the excellence of Britain's air defences, which have now been in course of preparation and perfecting for nearly two

# You Can't Tame A Tiger With A Saucer of Milk

WE are a marvellous people. As soon as the world thinks we are down, up go our tails and the fur begins to fly.

In a long experience of having my finger on the pulse of Britain, I have never known it beat so strongly as it is beating to-day.

We are now at the crisis of the war. We promised the world two months ago that if we could hold on just for a month we should win.

Well, we not only held on for that month but we have doubled the time. And we can say now without hesitation that the tide is on the turn. Hitler is doomed. It is our job to hasten the day of his doom.

Now is the time to throw defensive ideas out of our minds and fill them with the spirit of attack.

I WOULD suggest for a start that we begin to talk a little less about the defence of Britain. Let us call it instead the protection of Britain. Defence sounds too much like sitting in the fortress and waiting for Hitler. That is the last thing we want to do. We can force a stalemate by waiting for Hitler. But we are going to have no stalemate ending to this war.

Hitler is going down good and hard, if it costs us every penny and every ounce of strength we have.

## Eyes On Italy

Where do we begin—and when? I press again for action against Italy with all the force of which we are capable.

Despite the bounce and brag of Mussolini, the heart of Italy is not in this war. Mussolini, once well liked in his own country, is now widely hated there. One good reverse and Sawdust Caesar's throne will rock.

Already there are signs that we have the measure of the Italians. In the skies they are no match for our grand airmen, although they have a vast superiority in numbers.

So far as the army is concerned, I am told by those who should know that the Italians in the last war were heroes compared with the Italians in this. We know what that means.

We have not tried our strength against the Italian Navy yet except in submarine chasing, the results of which have been very gratifying, but although on paper the Italian Fleet is far stronger than ours in Mediterranean waters, our men have complete confidence in the result of any battle.

But we must not leave the Italians in peace to dodge the issue too long. We must get rid of this old man's nonsense of time being on our side. We want the job over soon. The longer it lasts the more lives will be lost, and our young lives are precious.

We must goad the Italians into sending their fleet out. That can be done by raining bombs on their inland cities and shells on their seaports. Pound them into action.

## Choose Five

Take the five chief cities of Italy and set about their swift and systematic destruction. Give them a dose of what the German dive bombers gave Rotterdam.

When Hitler found himself on the spot after the rape of Poland he is reported to have said: "The French want war. Well, they shall know what war is." Mussolini wanted war. So let

years. Another is the constant harassing which the raiders receive from British fighters. A third is the fact that England is a notoriously difficult terrain for air navigation. With its narrow, winding country roads, its puzzling network of railway lines and its patchwork of small fields and woods, it is deficient in identifiable landmarks or guide signs. German raiders are therefore liable to become lost and drop their bombs on mistaken objectives. This has happened many times, and the reason why the British authorities are chary of announcing the names of places, particularly small places, affected by raids is that the revelation of such names would enable the Germans to check their navigation.

It is almost with relief that we can look forward to the immediate future. We are nearing the end of that unpleasant period when the worst lay ahead, when people were constantly wondering what it would be like "when it really started." For the Royal Air Force it means the end of a long strain. The strain of fighting is not nearly so bad for the fighting airman as the strain of sitting down and waiting to fight. There may be some dark days ahead, heavy blows may be inflicted and there may be pain, tears, and sorrow. But the young Gallants of England have proved themselves of the same breed as the men who overcame the might of Spain in 1588, the menace of Napoleon in 1810, the menace of Kaiser in 1914-18. They have shown that they can do their job.



And let us not forget that there are other weapons than high explosive bombs. A fortnight has passed since I first suggested that we should take advantage of the dry weather and set the forests of Germany alight from end to end. Still nothing has been done.

But make no mistake, it can be done. It should be done. And we should insist on it being done.

## Architect Advises

A landscape architect who was consultant to several huge estates of German landowners tells me that to cause a forest fire on the catastrophic scale we want would be a simple matter. But he adds the warning that if we delay more than a few weeks the best opportunities will be lost. So why delay?

He says: "The Germans were always petrified of fire in the late summer. It would be possible to cover with flames and smoke hundreds of miles of Germany, and on the minds of the population a huge picture of smoke overhanging the country for weeks would have an enormous effect."

AND here is another idea to add to the bombing and the forest fires. Cut Germany's jugular vein—the River Rhine.

The Rhine runs the whole length of western Germany. All that the German army in the west needs in men and supplies, must cross it. If we could destroy the bridges it would be a first-rate disaster for Germany.

Now, we cannot bomb them because it would be too slow an operation, too costly in lives and too uncertain in results. But the Rhine is one of the fastest flowing rivers in Europe.

Why not, as I have suggested in other schemes, harness Nature to help us? Drop mines from floating mines from the bombing planes in hundreds between Mannheim and Cologne. The fast-moving river will carry the mines downstream. Whatever they touch will go up—bridges, barges, and even the river banks, which, incidentally, carry the railways. Every bang would be a prize, big or small.

Is it worth trying? Remember that once the mines were down the fast-flowing tide would make sweeping an impossibility. Come on, experts! Think it over. But hurry. NO doubt, some of the people in high places will demur that these suggestions are not war according to the text-book. My answer is that you have got to get down in the gutter with Hitler and fight as he fights. Devise and use every hellish instrument you can think of and instrument the Queensberry rules for the duration. You can't tame a tiger with a saucer of milk. So let's put something in the milk.

"Ah," some will say, "Hitler will reply." Of course he will. But the longer the war lasts the more we realise that some of Hitler's strength is bluff.

If his air strength is so great where are his airplanes? Why doesn't he send 1,000 instead of five bombs? A fortnight has passed since I first suggested that we should take advantage of the dry weather and set the forests of Germany alight from end to end. Still nothing has been done.

If Hitler had the airplanes, he would have used them, because it was vital to him to obliterate that Army. He did not do it because he could not. And because he could not he lost the war.

## But Act Now

So let us have less fear of Hitler and more faith in ourselves. Don't let us hear any more defeatism, or any more of this stupid talk that we might as well make peace with Hitler because he has no quarrel with us.

If he has come to the stage now that he has no quarrel with us, we certainly have a quarrel with him. And we are going to carry that quarrel through to the bitter end. I would arrest and shut up every man and woman, no matter how high born, who has the nerve to say otherwise.

BUT do not underestimate the task that lies before us. The hordes of Hitler are inflamed with a fanaticism which makes them crusaders, evil and beastly as the ideals for which they are prepared to die. I will tell you two stories.

A German was brought into a field hospital in France with a badly shattered leg. He was almost unconscious when the anaesthetist came to prepare him for the operation to remove the leg. Suddenly he awoke as the mask was being put to his face.

"What are you doing?" he cried. "You must use an anaesthetic," they told him. "You are going to have an operation. It will be painful and this will save you pain." "I will not have it," he said. "I can suffer pain for my Führer," And he died.

Another German lay in hospital on the edge of death. There was only one way in which his life might be saved, and they prepared for it. "What are you doing?" he moaned. "We are giving you a blood transfusion," they told him. "He spun into alertness. 'Whose blood?' he demanded. 'A Frenchman has given it for you,' they replied. 'Filthy French blood,' he shrieked. 'I will not have it in my veins.' And he died not. So he died. These are the men you are fighting. To defeat them, those who fight the good fight for righteousness must be Crusaders too, prepared to suffer, prepared, if necessary, to die, determined that their ideals shall live whatever the cost."

John Gordon



## Premier Remains Quietly Confident BRITAIN READY FOR ANYTHING Our Increasing Resources

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—Prior to attending Parliament, Mr. Winston Churchill lunched with His Majesty at Buckingham Palace and had a long audience with the King.

When he rose to address the House of Commons, the Prime Minister did not keep the House waiting with a preamble. Almost immediately he announced the advance of the Italian Army in Libya and the expectations of an attempted German invasion.

The Prime Minister intimated that he did not feel it necessary to make an extensive statement as practically all facts not of a secret nature had been made public.

### Italian Advance

An advance of the Italian Army in Libya was in progress, he said, and two British platoon which had been holding Sollum had been withdrawn.

The enemy was still at some distance from the British positions of resistance.

Deployment of German barges and ships in preparation for an invasion of Britain and Ireland continued, Mr. Churchill added, and "we must expect that Hitler will make an attempt at what he judges to be the best opportunity. All our preparations must, therefore, be maintained in a state of vigilance." (Cheers)

### Damaged Nazi Bases

Continuing, Mr. Churchill said: "The process of waiting, keyed up to concert pitch day after day, is apt after a while to lose its charm of novelty. There is no doubt that it imposes a heavy strain on all concerned, but we must not under-rate the damage inflicted on the enemy by the very heavy nightly bombardment on his concentration of ships and on all focal points."

"Undoubtedly serious injury has been done to his ships, but more to assure the House, develops steadily at sea, on land and above all in the air (Cheers). Sunday's action was the most brilliant and the most fruitful of any fought on a general scale up to date by the R.A.F."

### Increasing Confidence

"There are very good reasons for believing at the present time that very serious grounds have been made on the enemy's numerical superiority, and we may await the decision of this prolonged air battle with a spirit of increasing confidence."

"German attacks on the civilian population have been concentrated mainly on London in hopes of terrorising the citizens into submission or throw them into confusion, and, of course, with the silly idea that they will put pressure on the Government to make peace (Laughter)."

"Deliberate and repeated attacks upon Buckingham Palace and upon the persons of our beloved King and our beloved Queen (Cheers) are also intended, apart from their general barbarity, to have an unsettling effect upon public opinion."

### Had Opposite Effect

"They, of course, have the opposite effect (Loud Cheers). They united the King and Queen to their people by new sacred bonds of common danger and the steel all hearts to a stern, unflinching prosecution of the war against so foul a foe."

After giving the casualty figures mentioned by Lord Caldecote in the House of Lords, Mr. Churchill proceeded:

"Many hospitals, churches and public monuments have been damaged. Injury to our war-making capacity has been surprisingly small. We are only beginning to get an increased flow of production from the great programmes started after the war."

### Wanton Slaughtering

"It is very agreeable to see increases maintained over so wide a field in spite of the enemy's fire. To see how indiscriminate and wanton is the enemy's attack, there were 10,000 civilian casualties from air attack but less than 250 in all the fighting services."

"The Air Raid Precautions organisation has proved its efficiency and the greatest discipline and devotion to duty has been shown by all."

"The task of preserving the health and well-being of an enormous community exceeding 8,000,000 souls in the Thames Valley, of supplying them with all necessities and making provision for those whose homes have had to be evacuated, has proved a strain upon the machinery of the Government which calls for exertion by all the authorities concerned."

"This heavy, intricate task is being efficiently and successfully discharged. The whole system of our life and labour is being rapidly adapted to conditions hitherto unknown to modern society."

### Bigger Air Battles Yet

"Intensification of the air attack has made it difficult to draw precise conclusions as to the new rules about our air raid warnings, but broadly speaking, the air must be an alert and not an alarm."

"We must expect that very many more intense examples of air fighting will be experienced in future."

Mr. Churchill, in conclusion, intimated that there were some matters connected with arrangements under air attack which he preferred to discuss in private.

Acting on his suggestion, the House went into secret session and adjourned shortly afterwards.

### Caldecote's Speech

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—In the House of Lords to-day, Viscount Caldecote went into the war situation in more detail on certain points than did the Prime Minister.

Lord Caldecote referred to the Canadian, Australian and New Zealand forces available in Britain to

## THAI & FRANCE SIGN PACT

VICHY, Sept. 17 (UP).—It is officially announced that the Non-Aggression Pact between Thailand and France, concluded on June 12 last, will become effective within a few days.

The pact provides for the settlement, by arbitration, of the dispute of long standing regarding the possession of several islands in the Mekong River. The river forms the frontier between Thai and French Indo-China.

Certain elements in Thai have taken advantage of the negotiations to claim the return of territory which belonged to Thai before 1893.

The French Foreign Office has formally told Bangkok that France will not, under any circumstances, consider these demands.

## Professes Ignorance

Lord Caldecote And The Indo-China Situation

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—Lord Caldecote, in the House of Lords to-day, said he had no definite information as to the course negotiations were said to be proceeding between Indo-China and Japan at Hanoi.

In view, however, of current reports that Japan had been pressing the Government of Indo-China to allow the passage of Japanese troops and the establishment of air and naval bases in the colony, His Majesty's Government had made clear to the Japanese Government their interest in the maintenance of the status quo in that area.

The question of provision of petrol for distribution of medical supplies in the interior of China had been actively pursued.

It was hoped that a definite proposal on this point would be made to the Japanese in the near future.

## AUSSIE POULTRY FOR HONGKONG

Lane, Crawford Innovation

A degree of reciprocity has entered this post-war evacuation. While Australia is receiving and welcoming Hongkong evacuees, Hongkong is doing likewise with Australian chickens.

This is the first time in history that farm-fed chickens have been imported by Hongkong from Australia.

Credit for the innovation goes to Lane-Crawford's, whose butchery department is now featuring these Australian and other Empire poultry.

The Australian birds are obtainable from four to six pounds in weight and are equal in quality to the famous English Surrey birds.

repel an invasion should an invasion come, and also to units of the Royal Canadian Navy and the naval contingent from New Zealand.

In the air, he added, the Canadian fighter squadron had helped magnificently to increase the enemy's losses and Britain had invaluable assistance from the Royal Australian Air Force.

More recently, there arrived a contingent from Southern Rhodesia and in the R.A.F. were many pilots from all the Dominions and indeed from all parts of the Empire.

Lord Caldecote also referred to the remarkable contribution made by Newfoundland in the defence of the British Isles both by sea and air.

**Air Training Scheme**

In respect of the Empire Air Training Scheme, Lord Caldecote said that this was in advance of schedule and that Britain would shortly be receiving a flow of highly skilled pilots and air crews to redress the balance in the air and ultimately to give Britain air superiority.

In the Middle East, an important part was being played by the forces of South Africa. The South African Air Force had distinguished itself by inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

The Dominions had not confined their help to military, naval and air contingents, but were producing an ever-increasing output of munitions and military supplies of many kinds.

Turning to the Mediterranean, Lord Caldecote said our naval forces recently swept the Mediterranean from end to end for six days without a naval action being taken by the enemy.

Meanwhile convoys of troops and materials had arrived in the Near East, taking fighting men and supplies to fill the gaps in that theatre of war left by the collapse of France.

# First Gallantry Awards In "Battle of Britain"

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The first military awards for gallantry in the "Battle of Britain" were announced to-night in the "London Gazette."

Temporary Second Lieutenant J. D. Kenyon-Hague, of the Scots Guards, gets the Military Cross for heroism on August 18. He was in charge of a detachment at an aerodrome which was attacked by enemy bombers in five successive waves.

His headquarters were destroyed by a bomb in the first wave and he was buried in debris.

Exhausted by a sergeant but suffering from shock as well as severe pain in the shoulder which was crushed by falling masonry, he immediately visited his posts and found that the men in the reserve trench had been driven out of it by burning petrol from the petrol tank of a lorry which exploded.

**Saved Many Lives**

Hague collected these men into two parties and led them to other shelters, of which the furthest was 100 yards away.

While doing this, ten more bombs were dropped within a few yards of him and he was subjected to continuous machine gun fire from heights varying between 300 to 30 feet.

His prompt action and initiative while suffering much pain undoubtedly prevented casualties being much heavier.

**Unexploded Bombs**

Heroism displayed in dealing with unexploded bombs is recognised by awards of the medal of the British Empire to three officers and a non-commissioned officer of the Bomb Disposal Section of the Royal Engineers.

The list is headed by Lieut. Edward Womersley Reynolds, who on two occasions took great risk in extracting fuses from two bombs.

One of them fell in a garden amongst some council houses and the other in front of some business premises in a congested area.

Second Lieut. Ellis Edward Talbot is another recipient of the medal. After ordering his men to safety, he carried unexploded bombs on his shoulder for 200 yards to a safe spot.

Second Lieut. Wallace Laurence Andrews exploded bombs by pulling a cord attached to the fuse discharger. He was blown a considerable distance and two of his men were wounded.

Lance Sergeant William John Bullion was also thrown a considerable distance when a bomb exploded, killing five of his men.

**Territorials Win M. M.**

The Military Medal is awarded to Sergeant E. G. Hardy, of the Royal Artillery, in charge of a gun on the sea coast on August 18 which crashed two enemy planes, one a dive-bomber.

The cable of a parachute, with a bomb attached, fouled the gliders of the observation post, leaving the bomb suspended in mid-air. Sergeant Hardy ordered the gun team of a safe distance, examined the bomb, detached it from the parachute and threw it into the sea.

The bomb exploded in mid-air a few feet from Hardy who was blown back by the blast but not injured.

Lance Corporal J. E. Stevens Vale and Lance Corporal J. Miller, of the Scots Guards, and Private Joseph Lister, of the Border Regiment, Territorial Army, are also awarded the Military Medal for similar heroic exploits during a heavy aerial attack on August 18 on an aerodrome.

Miller shot down one bomber.

**First L. D. V. Award**

Volunteer Glyn Jones of the Home Guard also gets a Military Medal for rescuing a man on the night of July 12-13, who was seriously wounded in the bombing of a vital point at which he was on guard.

This is the first occasion upon which a member of the Home Guard has been awarded a military decoration.

**Answers to Correspondents**

FLAG: Sorry, we can't start that kind of controversy.—Ed.

## Iceland Invasion Rumours Grow As— Reich Masses Troops In Northern Norway Came Through Sweden

LONDON, Sept. 17 (UP).—Reports reaching here from trustworthy diplomatic sources stated that there was a substantial increase in the German troops in northern Norway.

North of Trondheim, it was estimated that there were 20,000 German troops up to a few days ago, it is stated that now there are between 50,000 and 100,000.

It is believed that all came directly from Germany, leaving the German garrison in southern Norway intact.

Unconfirmed reports say that several thousand German troops have crossed Sweden and for that reason the purpose of the German military movements to northern Norway are at present obscure.

Experts are inclined to disregard the theory that the troops are intended to support Finland against another Russian attack.

The supposition is finding more credence here that Hitler may be contemplating an invasion of Iceland.

## Universal Horror

At Attacks Made By Nazis On Buckingham Palace

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The Belgian Ambassador, as doyen of the Diplomatic Corps, has called at Buckingham Palace to express, on behalf of his colleagues, their sympathy and also their indignation at the recent deliberate bombing attack on Their Majesties' London home.

Telegrams from the colonies continue to reflect the horror of people throughout the Empire at the attacks on Buckingham Palace coupled with heartfelt relief at the providential escape of Their Majesties.

Malta, Mauritius, the Supreme Modern Council of Palestine, the Haifa Jewish community, Southern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Uganda and other dependencies are among the senders of such messages.

**Catroux Arrives In England**

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—General George Catroux, former governor of French Indo-China and one of General de Gaulle's most eminent supporters, has arrived in Britain.

He was Governor of Indo-China until the Vichy Government dismissed him. He is reputed to know Morocco and other parts of French Africa as well as any man.

**Queen's Gesture**

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—Wardrobes, beds, and chairs were among the things the Queen has sent from Windsor Castle for the relief of the people whose homes were wrecked in the recent Nazi air raids on London.

**One Dead In Junk Piracy**

One man is dead and three others are now in the Queen Mary Hospital suffering from gunshot wounds as the result of an attack on a junk by 30 armed men, says a police report.

The junk, carrying a load of wolfram ore and pigs, valued at \$5,800, was attacked near San Mul. The robbers were in two junks and were armed with rifles, machine guns and hand grenades.

When the victims offered resistance the marauders opened fire. Cheung Pui aged 35 was seriously wounded that he died while Ng Wing (40), Wong Ping (31) and To Yau-tai (30), were seriously wounded.

**STOCK EXCHANGE STAYS STEADY**

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was mainly steady with the turnover improving as the session progressed.

Most groups finally were about unchanged on the day after a dull and easier opening.

Industrials notably improved in some sections where small net gains were recorded.

Henceforth from to-day the market will close at 2 p.m. B.S.T. in order to facilitate trade.

Wall Street was firm.

**Packard Makes Rolls Royce Engines**

DETROIT, Sept. 17 (UP).—Packard Motors is starting the immediate construction of a factory to produce 6,000 Rolls Royce engines for Britain and 3,000 for the United States.

Besides the \$125,000,000 British contract and the \$60,500,000 United States order, if the work progresses according to schedule, Packard Motors will have the option of producing 10,000 more engines for Britain and 5,000 for the United States.

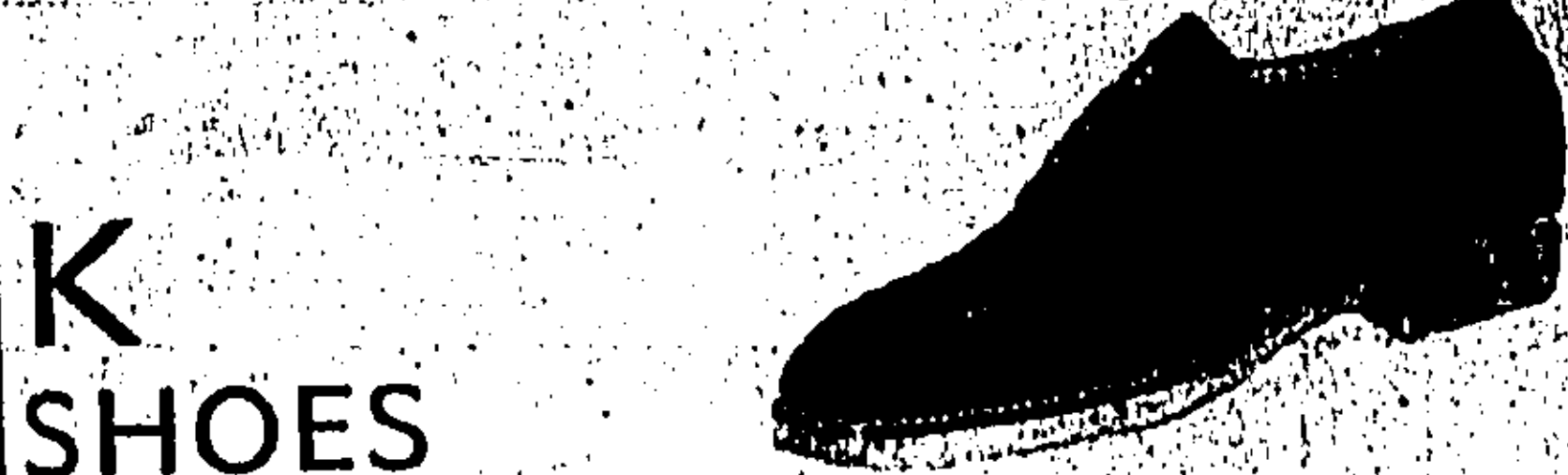
**Other Names**

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The first flotilla of American destroyers to join the Royal Navy have now been given their names.

The flotilla leader is named Churchill, a choice with which no one quarrelled.

Others have been named Caldwell, Cameron, Castletown, Chelsea, Clare and Campobello, after towns common in both the United Kingdom and the United States.

Names on a similar basis will be given. Others will also include a few names common in the West Indies.



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## Only One Killed In London Docks Raids

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—Only one man had been killed in the recent air raids within the limits of the London docks.

This was revealed by Mr. Ronald Cross, the Minister of Shipping, in a broadcast to-night.

He said: "After days and nights of horror and bombs and flames, thanks to the wonderful air raid shelter organisation of the Port of London authorities, there has been only one man killed by enemy action within the limits of the docks, and he, poor fellow, was in a tiny cabin which by sheer bad luck got a direct hit."

**Different Story**

Outside the docks the story was very different and a strange sight was the miles of firemen hoses running the length of street after street.

London's docks were surrounded by densely crowded areas. There were many miles of small streets where 100,000 of London's poorest people lived in tiny houses, mostly wretchedly built.

"To their everlasting shame, the Hun poured a deluge of destruction on these unfortunates," said Mr. Cross.

Those leaving the district were not "done for." They were, so to speak, the wounded going out of the battle. The great bulk of the people in those bombed parts of London were remaining. They refused to move for Hitler.

**Secret Session: Official Report**

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The following report of the secret session of the House of Commons is issued under the authority of the Speaker: "The House went into secret session and discussion took place on future sitings of the House. It was decided to meet at regular intervals but that dates and times should not be specified."



## Around The Courses

# MAUREEN RUTTLE WINS WOMEN'S

## (Unofficial) TITLE

### Joan Pemberton Beaten 5/4 At Roehampton

#### Effects Of Heavy Rain

(By "Birdie")

THOUGH CONSIDERABLY LATE in its arrival in Hongkong, news is at last here of the final of the "Daily Sketch" Women's War Relief Fund Tournament—17-year-old Maureen Ruttle beat Joan Pemberton 5 and 4 at Roehampton to take what is generally recognised to be the women's 1940 (unofficial) championship. The match was over 18 holes.

This competition was divided into two sections—Northern and Southern—Miss Pemberton was the winner of the first and Miss Ruttle the second, and the result of the final was the latter's revenge for the defeat she sustained when they met in semi-finals of the 1938 Women's Championship.

Incidents during the day were quite numerous. These, however, were connected with the Red Cross match in the afternoon when Henry Cotton partnered the new champion (7) and beat Alfred Padgham and Miss Pemberton, also by 5 and 4.

Ticket No. 11 was drawn for the first lesson from Cotton. There was no claimant.

The re-draw brought out ticket No. 46 still no taker.

They belonged to Enid Wilson—women's international—and Bill Cox—Ryder Cup player.

#### Money Saved

WITH a six-foot putt that rattled in the cup, Henry Cotton saved for the Red Cross Fund a shower of silver that fell on the 13th green. This was on condition that one of the four long putts on that green was sunk. Cotton watched his two opponents and then his partner miss their shots.

"We can't give all that money back," he remarked humorously, and then rattled home his six-footer.

#### Pickpockets Active

BUT a more distasteful note was the discovery that pick-pockets had been active among the generous crowd, and several wallets had been "lifted". The "Daily Sketch" made an appeal to the sportsmanship of the light-fingered gentlemen for the return of the wallets—the owners of which had promised half of the contents to the Red Cross Fund.

RIVALS since their earlier days, though one can't imagine many such earlier days in Miss Ruttle's career, the



Left: Chan Chun-nam, whose time was best in the heats for the 220 free-style championship at the V.R.C. last night.



Right: Charles Huang—two seconds slower than Chan—was a very good second in the second best time of the evening.



#### Swimming Championships

## Chan Chun-nam Returns Best Time For 220 Yards Free-style Heats

#### To-day's Programme

Heats to-day will only be necessary for:  
Women's 100 yards breast-stroke.  
Men's 440 yards free-style.  
For each of the other four events—Men's 50 yards, Boys' 100 yards free-style, Women's 150 yards medley relay and Men's 150 yards medley relay—there are not more than five entries for each event, and can be accommodated in the finals.

#### Pairs Championship

## R. Basa And J.S. Landolt Eliminated

#### Defending Champions In Semi-Finals

H. A. ALVES and F. V. V. Ribeiro, defending champions in the Open Pairs lawn bowls tournament, eliminated R. Basa and J. S. Landolt 22-10 in a quarter-final match played at the Kowloon Football Club last night.

Though Basa and Landolt got off to a start of 3-0 over the first two heads, Ribeiro and Alves gradually overhauled them until by the 8th end the champions were 4-3 in front.

The scoring on the succeeding two heads more or less decided the match. Two 4's to the Ribeiro pair put them in a 9-shot lead. On the high standard of bowling, anything above a 2 was hardly to be expected, and the scoring of two 4's, and on consecutive heads, was as it proved to be, the death blow to the hopes of the Craighower pair of reaching the semi-finals.

The scores were:  
R. Basa and J. S. Landolt 10  
F. V. V. Ribeiro and H. A. Alves 22

A six-inch deep ditch has been dug across the first fairway and the water is still running!

Another unfortunate, but not unexpected result of the rain, is that the sand on the greens settled almost solid, and all the greens have to be dug up.

There is a lot of work to be done, and it is extremely doubtful if it can be completed within the first few months of the new season.

#### Open Singles Draw

THE DRAW for the Second Round in the Open Lawn Bowls Singles

#### SPORTS ADVT.

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THE SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 21st September, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

#### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided that are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

#### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,  
S. A. SLEAP,  
Actg. Secretary,  
Hongkong, 16th September, 1940.

## Excellent Times For Women's 50 Yards

(By "Tinker")

IT WAS CHAN CHUN-NAM, the almost "legless wonder," who took the eye in the first heats of the Colony Swimming championships at the Victoria Recreation Club pool yesterday, for in beating off the spirited challenge of Charles Huang in the second heat for the 220 yards free-style he clocked 2 mins. 31.4/5 secs.

Ng Nin, who swam in the first heat, was given opposition from Mak Wai-ming over the first six lengths, but thereafter moved easily to the front and clocked 2 mins. 36.2/5 secs. This was a comparatively slow time, but I am sure that it was not Ng Nin's best. Charles Huang, who was second to Chan Chun-nam, clocked 2 mins. 33.2/5 secs.

It is among these three that a great race will be seen in the final. One thing is quite certain that on that day Ng Nin, who has an effortless style and a very fine glide, and who finished strongly yesterday, will be a different swimmer.

The times for the respective 50's of Chan and Ng Nin yesterday were: Chan 30 1/4 (34); 1.40 (35 1/2); 2.17 (37); 2.31 1/2; 2.45 (38 1/2); 2.59 (40); 3.13 (42); 3.27 (44); 3.41 (46); 3.55 (48); 4.09 (50). It will be seen that after the first 100 yards, Ng Nin slowed up considerably, and clocked his last two laps in 38 1/2 and 39 seconds respectively.

It was over those last lengths that Mak, who had taken a temporary lead over the 100 yards, apparently tired and dropped behind.

Charles Huang's time was surprisingly good. An earlier estimation of his ability has been proved wrong, but I very much doubt if he can improve very much on his race last night. He gave Chan all the opposition he needed, and was trying very hard over the last 70 yards.

#### The Women's Heats

The women's heats for the 50 yards free-style comprised the rest of the programme.

There was no need for heats in the 100 yards breast-stroke (for which event, incidentally, I think Ng Nin was reserving some of his energy). Enrique Chaine, present champion, was ill and unable to turn out, which left five swimmers for the final.

As expected Miss Ko Mui-ling won her heat and Miss V. Churn won hers (the second). The respective times were 31 1/2 secs. and 31 1/2 secs. Second to Miss Churn, Miss Ho Wai-king also clocked 31 1/2 secs.

Miss J. Anderson, who was second to Miss Ko in 32 1/2 secs., might have taken off the fraction had she and Miss I. Lopes not come in contact a few yards from the finish.

Championship was made yesterday. The green allocations and dates are as follows:

MONDAY, SEPT. 23  
At Kowloon B.C.C.—L. F. Xavier v. A. Eastman; Y. S. Tang v. G. Silva.  
At Kowloon F.C.—J. C. Remedios v. J. C. Gill; J. N. Wong v. H. White; R. Morrison v. A. E. Carey.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 24  
At Police R.C.—C. W. Lam v. M. F. Alarcon; H. Gelling v. H. E. Straker; W. R. Hillier v. W. Ward.

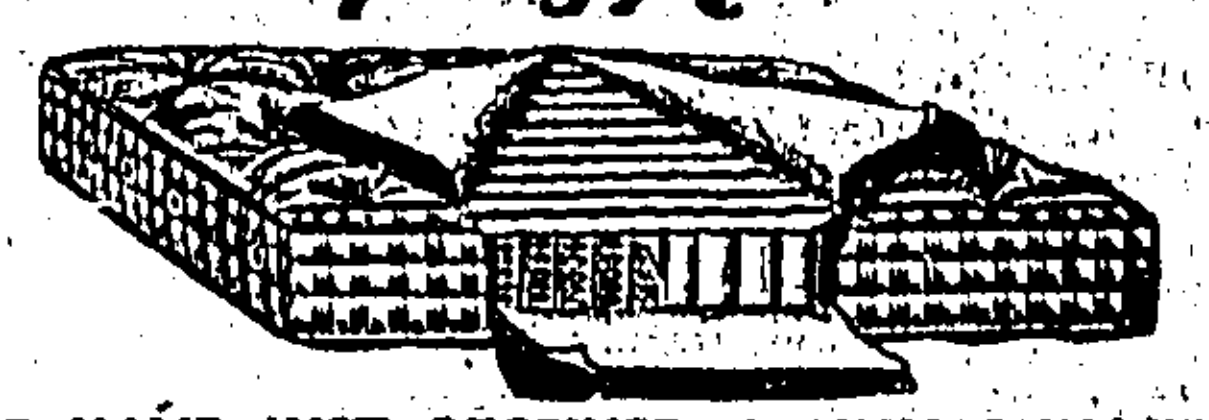
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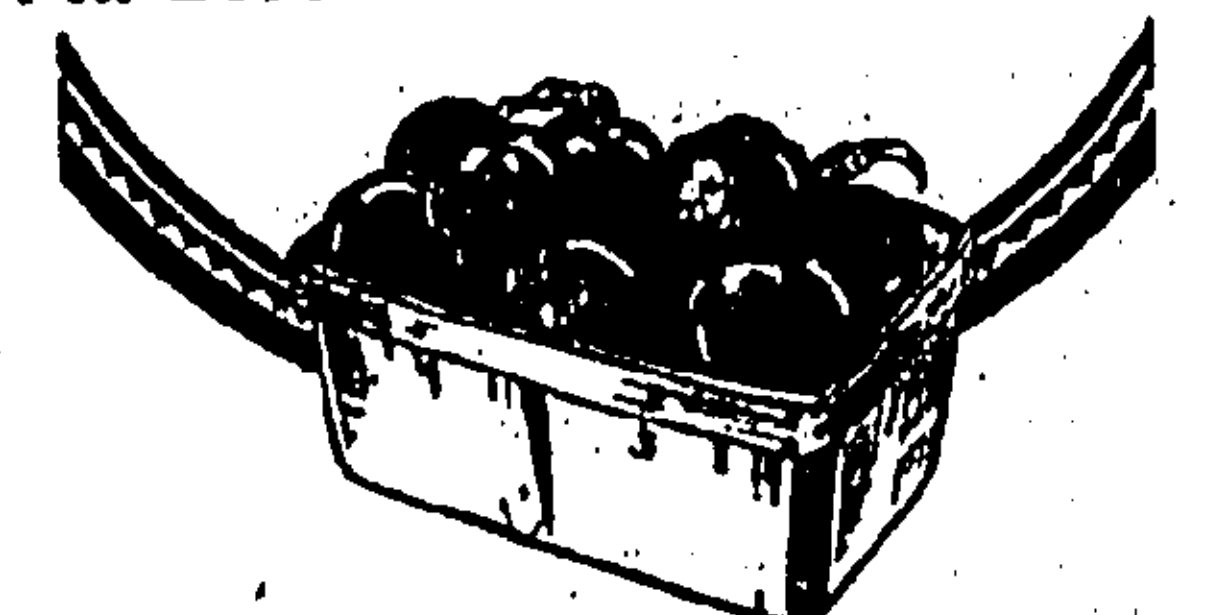


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A polite letter from an Army welfare officer in the south-east, asking evacuated householders to let troops use the garden produce in their abandoned gardens, has brought from most householders a ready consent. Some, however, have told the welfare officer that in no circumstances will they let soldiers touch the vegetables and fruit now running to waste.

### Onions And Carrots

MR. ROBERT BOOTHBY, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, said that they hope to arrange for abandoned gardens to be replanted with onions and carrots.

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### Egg Prices Watched

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It supports the action of many grocers who supply eggs only to their registered customers.

THE Ministry also asks the public to go on buying canned fruits and vegetables, but to keep your hand away from the tin-opener as much as possible.

## CAPTAIN ACCUSED Alleged Pose As Baronet

Capt Alfred Lionel Haughton, of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, was accused at a Chelsea court martial of passing worthless cheques, and of having posed as a baronet.

James Patterson, proprietor of the Hundred Club, stated that Capt Haughton came to the club with a member. "He said he was attached to the War Office, had property in Cornwall, two cars and two chauffeurs," declared Mr. Patterson. "I cashed cheques for him, and he told me he was Sir Lionel Haughton."

The assistant manager of a cigar store said that Capt Haughton bought £5 worth of goods, including some cigars which were sent to the grill room manager of a restaurant with a card inscribed, "With the compliments of Sir Lionel Haughton." The cheque came back marked "RD."

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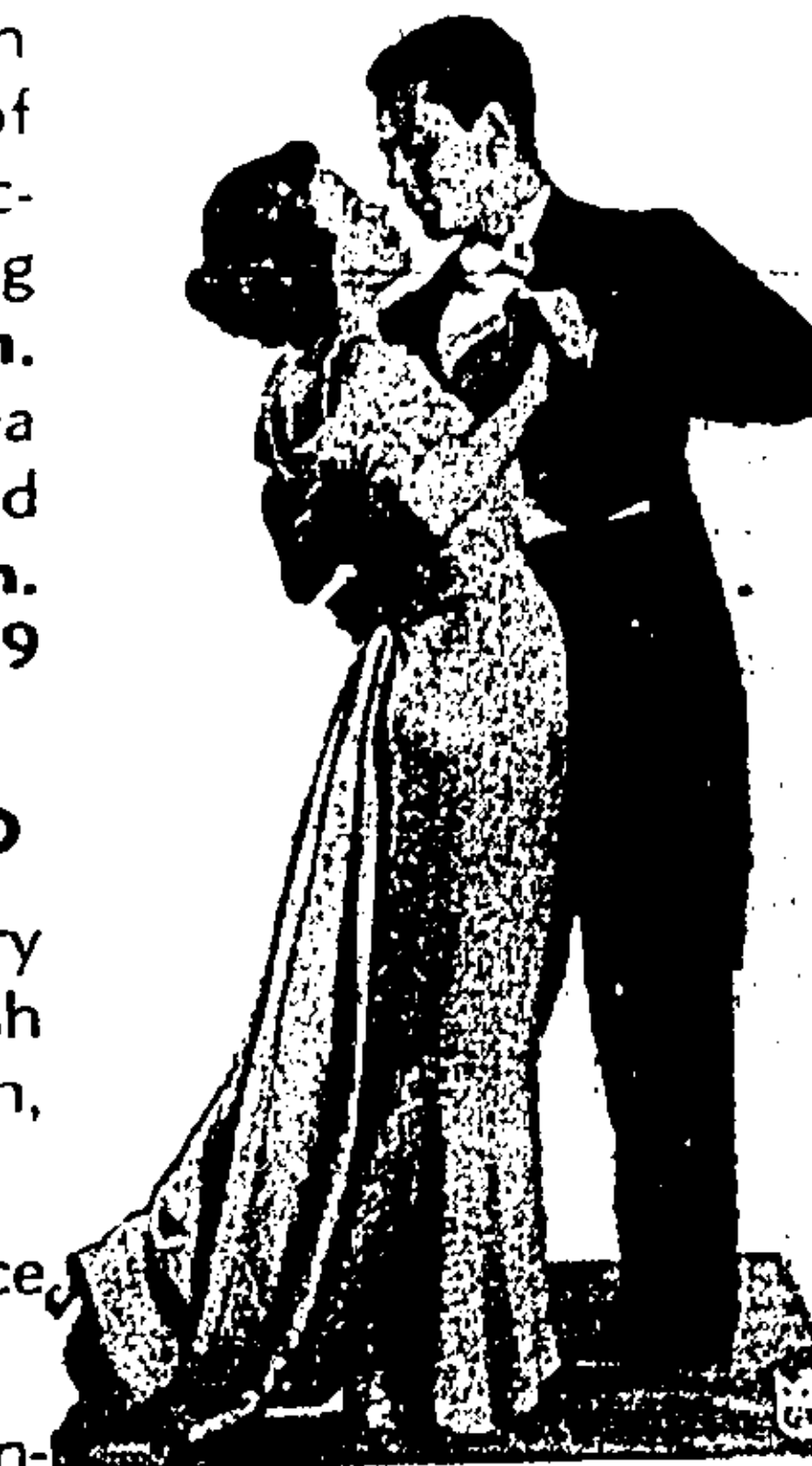
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## "United Press," Offered Confidential Reports From the Ministry of Home Security, Reveals NAZI RAIDS HAVE LEFT BRITAIN'S GREAT WAR MACHINERY UNIMPAIRED

By WALLACE CARROLL

United Press Staff Correspondent.  
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LONDON, SEPT. 18 (UP).—CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS BY THE MINISTRY FOR HOME SECURITY TO-DAY SHOWED THAT THE TEN DAYS FURIOUS AIR BOMBARDMENT INFLICTED SEVERE DAMAGE ON SUFFERING LONDON BUT LEFT BRITAIN'S WAR MACHINERY AS A WHOLE ALMOST UNIMPAIRED.

I WAS ALLOWED TO EXAMINE THESE REPORTS AND WRITE FREELY ABOUT THEM ON THE SOLE CONDITION I GAVE NO DETAILS WHICH WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THE GERMAN AIR FORCE.

Japanese Want 100,000 Men Sent Overland To The Yunnan Border

### INDO-CHINA: NEW DEMANDS REPORT

Two new demands have been presented by the Japanese to the French Indo-China Government, according to a "Ta Kung Pao" dispatch from Chungking.

These are the passage of 100,000 Japanese to the French Indo-China-Yunnan border and the use of the Hanoi-Dongdang route.

### ESCAPED FROM HANOI

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Sept. 17. (UP).—General Catroux, former Governor-General of Indo-China, who was relieved of his office because of his sympathies for General de Gaulle's movement, had a dramatic escape from Indo-China, according to reports. General Catroux sailed from an Indo-China port by night with the assistance of natives. It is stated in London that he may shortly go abroad, preferably to Africa.

The former Governor has appealed to all Frenchmen "wherever they are in the world" to join the de Gaulle movement.

He declared that Indo-China was supplied at France's defeat. "As soon as I heard the armistice had been signed I informed Vichy that I would continue the war in defence of white men who would stand together in Asia," said General Catroux.

### Irish Ship Sunk By Submarine

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

DUBLIN, Sept. 17 (UP).—According to a report from the Irish Minister to Madrid, the Irish steamer Lumlach, of 1,074 tons, was sunk in the Atlantic on September 4 by submarine gunfire.

Nine members of the crew, including the Master, have been landed at a Spanish port.

### Maharajah Of Nepal's \$25,000 Gift

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The Maharajah of Nepal has instructed the Nepalese Minister in London to present £25,000 for the relief of east of London.

His Majesty's Government have expressed their grateful thanks. The British Red Cross of Jerusalem has been presented with nine all-terrain ambulances by the Australian Red Cross. They will be built locally.

Not one aerodrome has been put out of action, the reports stated.

Aircraft Industry Hardly Scratched

The aircraft industry has "hardly been scratched."

Oil stores destroyed are only a "fleabite" to Britain's reserves.

No power station has been put out of action but one gasworks has been disabled.

Most London railway stations are operating normally but some services from others have been suspended.

Ships continue to move in and out of the port of London.

### BRITAIN HAS NEW ENEMY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

Britain faces a new enemy and Hitler receives a new ally as a result of the decision of the tiny republic of San Marino reached yesterday, says the "United Press".

San Marino, which is an almost invisible republic on the map in the heart of central Italy, has been at war with Germany since 1915.

But now, San Marino has made its peace with the Nazi Government and has decided to declare war on Britain.

The decision was reached after the 60 Councillors had elected two new Regents who will govern the oldest and smallest republic in the world for the next six months.

The two new Regents are Federico Gozi and Salvatore Foschi, well-known Italian Fascist sympathisers. The republic is situated some 30 miles from Mussolini's home town of Forlì. It joined Italy when that country declared war on Germany in 1915. At Versailles the tiny republic was absent and therefore did not sign a peace with Germany at the termination of the world war.

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—A board of American experts has reached Newfoundland to inspect naval base sites.

### "Flying Fortresses" For Britain, Report

Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, Sept. 17. (Dome).—Following the transfer of destroyers to Britain, the United States is planning to sell to Britain 25 "flying fortress" bombers.

This was revealed to-day by Mr. Fennet Champ Lark and Mr. Rush Holt, two isolationist Senators, who were quoted by the "New York Times" in a report from Washington. The two Senators also declared that America was selling a secret Sperry bombing sight to England. It was added that the United States had already agreed to transfer the planes as soon as formal request for them is made.

These and other assertions contained in the reports correspond with my own exceptional opportunity to inspect aerodromes, factories and other military objectives.

Bigger Daylight Raids

The reports estimated that the Germans used 700 or more planes in the daylight raids. Some days they used 200 planes at night.

Comparing the past fortnight's raids with previous raids I noted that when the Germans opened large scale raids on London their activity over the rest of the country sharply diminished.

### Our Efficient Ack-Acks

Take Heavy Toll

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—Evidence of the growing efficiency of Britain's night defences is shown by the fact that all the four enemy bombers which an Air Ministry communiqué reveals to-day were brought down on Monday night were shot down by anti-aircraft fire, says "Reuter's" air correspondent.

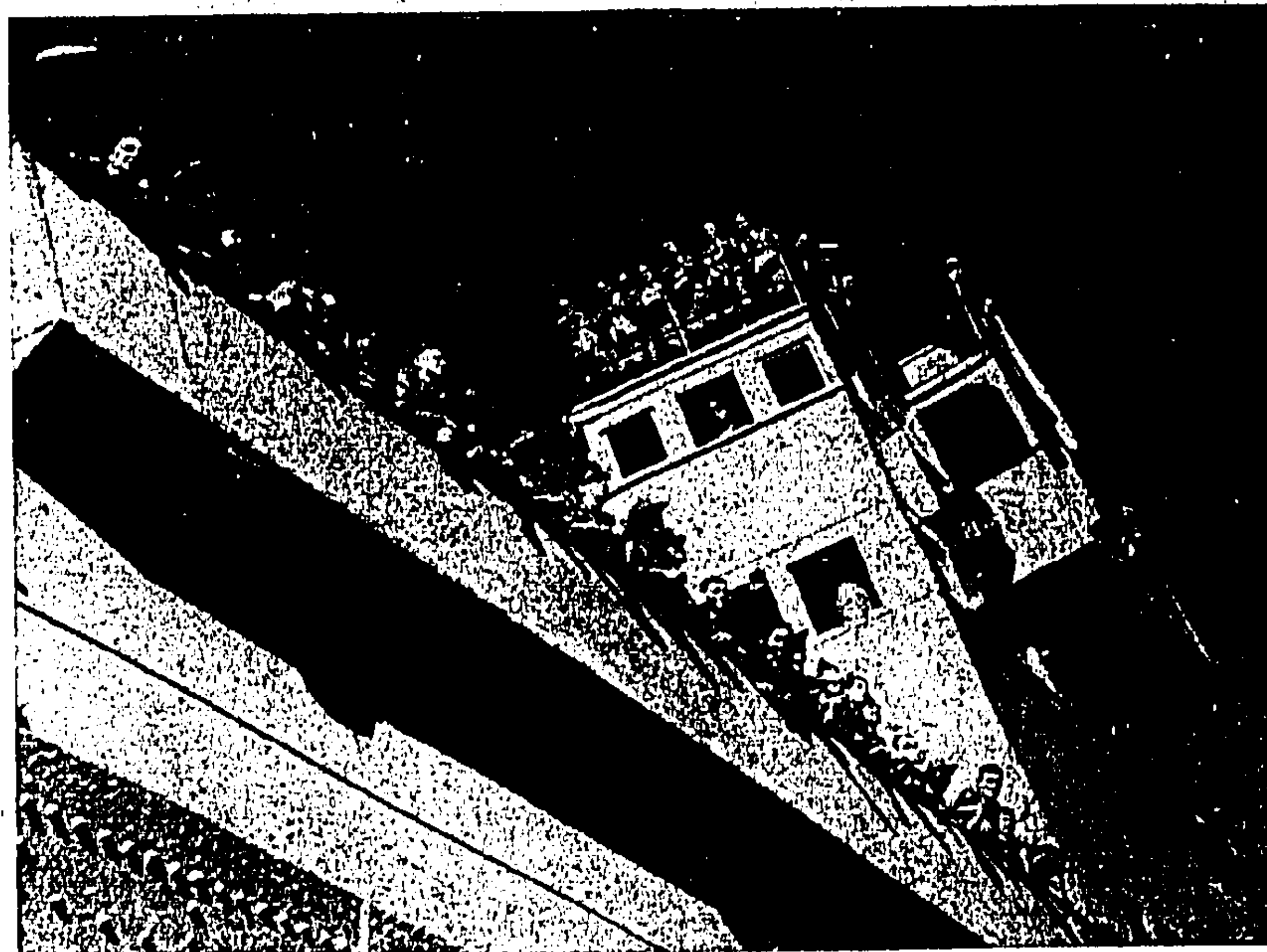
It is understood that none fell in the London area but along "lanes" followed by the enemy to the capital. It is disclosed that yesterday two other enemy bombers were victims of "RAF" night fighter patrols. These six are believed to be a record "bag" for the defences in which, wherever conditions are favourable, anti-aircraft guns, barrage balloons and fighters will be used more and more effectively together.

### OIL FOR CHINESE RED CROSS

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Geoffrey Mander asked whether a reply had been received from the Japanese Government concerning the suggestion by the Ambassador in Tokyo that importation of oil for the transport of medical supplies to China should be made available for the Chinese Red Cross.

Mr. R. A. Butler, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the Japanese Government had asked for certain further details before giving a definite reply. He added that it is hoped to communicate these details to them shortly.

### AUSTRALIANS ARE READY FOR GRAZIANI



Australian, New Zealand, Scottish and Indian troops are reported entrenched at Mersa Matruh, awaiting the Italian advance. Here are some of the Australian troops arriving in the Middle East. With them are Australian nursing sisters who have now established base hospitals in Egypt.

### CONFIDENT WE SHALL WIN

U.S. Secretary for Navy

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—Colonel Frank Knox, the U.S. Secretary for the Navy, said yesterday that he now feels quite confident about Britain's chances of defeating Germany.

He believes that the chances of a successful invasion of Britain are getting less every day. The Germans must destroy British air power before they can invade Britain. They have not done so, he pointed out.

The German 3-1 advantage is decreasing. The Nazi losses of men are total losses whereas many English pilots have returned to fight again.

### MOROCCO REVOLT AGAINST VICHY

Rioting Throughout Casa Blanca

A REVOLT against the Petain Government is reported to have broken out in French Morocco, the great protectorate of 162,120 square miles on the Atlantic coast of Africa.

Only the most meagre details are available.

"United Press", quoting despatches from Tangiers, received through Gibraltar, states that there is rioting throughout Casa Blanca, the big seaport.

Spanish troops are massing on the northern frontier, according to another message.

A few days ago a squadron of French warships, including three cruisers, left Toulon in France for Morocco.

Casablanca Riots

TANGIER, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—According to reports received here and at Algiers and Ceuta, many riots have occurred at Casablanca and other Moroccan towns as the result of clashes between supporters of General de Gaulle and those of the Petain Government.

It is stated that many persons were arrested over the "week-end". The reports add that Spanish troops are being concentrated on the frontiers of French Morocco as a precautionary measure.

### Indo-China Envoy Leaves Ends H.K. Negotiations

Wing-Commander Louis Castex, representative of the French Indo-China Government, left Hongkong for Hanoi by Imperial Airways' Dardanus from Kai Tak airport at 7 a.m. this morning.

Mr. Castex was sent from Hanoi to negotiate for the release of seven aeroplanes destined for the Flying School in Hanoi, which had been detained by the authorities in Hongkong since July. Release of the aircraft was obtained last week. The plane was in charge of Captain W. C. Cash and First Officer J. A. Samuels, and carried 92.5 kilos of freight and 95.814 kilos of mail. The next outward service is due to leave on Sunday.

### LATEST

See Back Page For Further Late News

### R.A.F. & Nazis Fight In 100 m.p.h. Gale

Fighters In Combat

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—Air battles were fought in a 100-mile an hour gale over Kent, Sussex, Surrey and the Thames Estuary this afternoon between British and German fighters.

According to the Air Ministry news service the Germans sent over the Channel—after having their bomber squadrons "cut to rags and tatters" in Sunday's fights over London—more than 200 Messerschmitt and Heinkel fighters.

The first formation of British pilots were handicapped by heavy clouds when searching for the enemy, they destroyed four machines, while anti-aircraft gunners on the southeast coast also shot down two.

At 25,000 feet over Maidstone twelve Spitfires, says the news service, routed a formation of Messerschmitts. Although these famous former auxiliary pilots do not claim to have definitely destroyed any of the German pilots, they said on landing that "one was swaying in a dive with white smoke pouring from its fuselage; a second was flying very slowly at 1,000 feet and a third was spinning out of control."

Air Activity Decreases

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—It is officially revealed that enemy air activity was on a small scale to-day until the early afternoon.

Although bombs were dropped in widely scattered districts of the south and southeast of England, little damage was done, but a small number of people were killed or injured in southwest London.

At Portsmouth a church and several houses were hit and a small number of people injured.

At 2.45 p.m. several large waves of enemy aircraft crossed the coast at Kent in the direction of London.

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### INVASION BASES BOMBED

Relentless R.A.F.

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—Daylight raids on invasion bases are announced by the Air Ministry, which says that daylight raids on Calais, Ostend, Dunkirk and Veere were carried out on Monday afternoon by R.A.F. medium bombers.

At Veere on the Dutch island of Walcheren, a concentration of barges in the canal lock was bombed from a low level.

Harbour installations and shipping at Dunkirk and Ostend were attacked under cover of low clouds and at Calais a salvo of bombs was seen to burst on the quayside of the outer harbour.

Convoy Attacked

A convoy of 12 barges and three escort vessels was intercepted and bombed off Zeebrugge and an attack was also made on three self-propelled barges patrolling off Ostend harbour. These barges opened fire on sighting our aircraft.

Huamitede, on the Dutch island of Schouwen, was raided in the early afternoon and bombs were dropped.

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7.—All entries to be either black, sepia, or toned pictures, and must be mounted to compete.  
8.—Pictures submitted in sepia tones should be accompanied by a smaller print in black and white.  
9.—No picture to entered in more than one Section.  
10.—Mounts to be only white or cream, must be of one of the following sizes:—10x12, 10x20.  
11.—No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.  
12.—Members of the Staffs of the Hongkong Telegraph and the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.  
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All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

## Registrar Is Robbed

### House Coolie's Lapse

Employed by Mr. R. Andrews, Registrar of the Supreme Court, as house coolie for the past 10 years, Lui Sang, 31, stole a quantity of silver ware from his master's residence, No. 301 The Peak, but was arrested outside a pawn shop in the Central district and charged before Mr. C. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Lui pleaded guilty to the theft of two silver cocktail shakers valued at \$80 on September 5, and three silver cups, one silver ash tray and eight ivory ornaments, valued at \$100, on September 10.

Sub-inspector Byron said that about 5 p.m. on September 10, Lui was seen outside a pawn shop carrying two parcels. When the parcels were opened, they contained the articles mentioned in the second charge.

Four months' hard labour was imposed.

## INDO-CHINA: NEW DEMANDS

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whether the above demands are incorporated in the agreement still under discussion.

The paper further alleges that Japanese Fifth Columnists are very active in Indo-China, where rains are said to be making roads and highways impassable.

The rainy season, however, is stated to be coming to an end at the close of this month, after which "conditions in Indo-China cannot remain unchanged."

### Critical Winter Months

Chinese regard the coming fall and winter as the critical months since it is generally believed that the summer weather with its epidemic of rains has brought to a standstill large-scale military operations.

Chinese believe that the Japanese in October may attempt an invasion of Szechuan or Yunnan.

Though large-scale evacuation of important Chinese institutions in Kuning has not yet started, it is learned that such action will begin soon as fighting breaks out in Indo-China.

The war, aerial bombings and high cost of living, however, did not dampen the Chinese celebration of the centuries-old mid-autumn festival when shops did a rushing business with "moon cakes."

## INVASION BASES BOMBED

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on an aerodrome in a high level attack.

### Destructive R.A.F. Raids

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The great destructive effects of the R.A.F. raids on Germany cannot be concealed no matter how much the Nazi censors try, as messages received in London today show.

A Basle message says that trains from northern and western Germany are arriving up to 14 hours late. These parts of Germany are among those getting very keen attention from British bombers.

Another interesting report comes from Berlin itself. It is to the effect that the Germans are transporting by land transport barges from the Baltic to the Danube where they are badly needed for shipments of oil and grain from Rumania.

Water transport is slow, being only six miles an hour. It is more than probable that the destruction of railway wagons by the R.A.F. is at least partly responsible for the decision to transport barges.

## R.A.F. & NAZIS FIGHT IN GALE

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and large forces were despatched to intercept the enemy.

The enemy promptly scattered and did not penetrate further inland than Midstone.

Reports so far received show that before the enemy reached safety our fighters destroyed five of his aircraft, and two were shot down by anti-aircraft fire.

It is now known that only 11 of our pilots were lost in last Sunday's air battles.

## Exchange At A Glance

SELLING.

T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand London	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	410
T.T. Singapore	53 1/2
T.T. Japan	103 1/2
T.T. India	32 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	22
T.T. Manila	44
T.T. Batavia	41 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	Nom.
T.T. France	95 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	95
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2

BUYING.

4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	23
4 m/s France	Nom.
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.04

## U.S. Red Cross Generosity

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The United States Red Cross has sent supplies and cash to a total value of about £1,000,000 for the relief of civilian war victims in Britain.

Since the beginning of the heavy raids on London, the American Red Cross has provided £6,000 in clothes for women and £1,000 in warm coats for men, 18,000 worth of boots and shoes, large quantities of material and other warm clothes.

Most of this is distributed among people who have lost their homes or have suffered heavily in the Nazi raids on the East End of London.

## U.S. SKIPPER FINED \$100

Captain H. T. McCaw, master of the American freighter City of Los Angeles, was fined \$100 by Comdr. C. F. Hole, Harbour Master, at the Marine Court this morning after he had pleaded guilty to a summons of having disobeyed an order of the Harbour Master on April 29 this year by anchoring his ship in a prohibited and controlled area—the Tathong Channel Minelaid.

It was his first time in this port, added Captain McCaw.

Sergeant Tate prosecuted.

## Nazis Are Drawing A (Very) Long Bow

### Shelling of London Denied

LONDON, Sept. 17 (UP).—Authoritative circles here ridiculed the reports in the German press hinting that long range German guns have been shelling London from France.

## Fleet Street Undamaged

### "Reuter's" Statement

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—It is typical of the propaganda put out daily by the enemy that the Italian Government wireless repeats that "Reuter's" new building in Fleet Street has been bombed and asserts that Fleet Street itself has been reduced to ruins.

This report is, of course, fantastic. "Reuter's" is entirely untouched and the same is true of the whole of Fleet Street.

"Only 'Reuter's' offices have been hit and the damage is so slight that work was totally uninterrupted and no edition failed to appear on the streets at the scheduled time.

Moreover, neither of these buildings is in Fleet Street.

## INTERNING NAZI SYMPATHISERS

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—Nazi sympathisers among the people interned in Britain will be separated from others and will be put into a special camp.

Some of the women interned in the Isle of Man have already been put into a special camp. They are the ones with Nazi sympathies. A total of 2,500 have already been released; 17,000 are still interned.

## Packard Makes Rolls Royce Engines

### 6,000 Motors for Britain

DETROIT, Sept. 17 (UP).—Packard Motors is starting the immediate construction of a factory to produce 6,000 Rolls Royce motors for Britain and 3,000 for the United States.

Besides the \$125,000,000 British contract and the \$60,000,000 United States order, if the work progresses according to schedule, Packard Motors will have the option of producing 10,000 more motors for Britain and 5,000 for the United States.

## Latest Air Mail Services

The arrivals and departures of planes are as follows:

From London, Australia and British countries—Imperial Airways service due September 20.

From U.S.A. via Honolulu and Manila—Pan American California Clipper, due September 21.

From Chungking—C.N.A.C. and Eurasia Aviation Corporation. For London, Australia and Bangkok—Imperial Airways leaving on September 22.

For U.S.A. via Manila and Honolulu—California Clipper leaving September 22.

For Chungking—C.N.A.C. and Eurasia Aviation Corporation.

## TAKE 'EM ON ONE HANDED

### —U.S. Boast

CLEVELAND, Sept. 17 (UP).—"America can meet the dictators' challenge with one hand tied behind her back."

This was the confident declaration made by Mr. Paul V. McNutt, former U.S. Commissioner to the Philippines, when he addressed the 20th Convention of the International Association of Machinists to-day.

He stressed that the United States had been meeting emergencies for the past ten years. "Yesterday's squawkers are now scared when they discover our own interests are involved, but they will find that America will be able to raise whatever is needed for her safety," he declared.

## Lights During Black-Out

### Householders Fined

Several summonses for breach of the regulations during the black-out on August 27 were brought against many Chinese before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning. All the defendants were summoned for failing to screen their lights during the hours of darkness.

Sze Kwoi-yin, of Conduit Road, was fined \$50. Her premises were stated to be a Chinese school, and defendant claimed that the lights were put on by some of the boarders after she had switched them off.

Yang Shing-lu, of High Street, was fined \$25. A fine of \$20 was imposed on another woman, Cheung Su-sun, of Tung Street. It was stated that she had been twice warned by a warden to put her lights off before she finally did so.

### Successful Defence

A man, Cheng Pu, of Third Street, was fined \$10. Another man, Chan Kai-fung, succeeded in having his summons dismissed, because the warden was not able to state definitely that the light alleged to have been showing from his flat in Robinson Road was actually his.

Three other women, Lui Chui-yuk, Leung Chun, and Fung Pal, all residing in Tung Street, were each fined \$5 for exposing lights. Defendants were stated to be in poor circumstances.

Lui claimed her young brother had put his head in a fall, and she had put on a light in order to dress his wound. Fung declared the light which she was showing was a candle left alight on an altar in memory of her deceased husband.

Tsang Yee-long, of Lau Li Street, Bay View, was fined \$25 for failing to screen his lights.

A summons against a woman, Ho Shiu, of Tung Street, was adjourned a week, as the defendant claimed she was not the principal tenant of the floor.

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## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: The market remains under the cloud of neglect.

H.K. Banks	\$1,280
H.K. Fire Insurances	\$150
Provident	\$4.10
Hotels	\$3.40
Lands	\$30.25
Humphreys	\$7
Trams	\$15.70
China Lights (old)	\$8.75
Electricity (old)	\$37.25
Telephones (old)	\$23.50

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## Cameras, But No Permits

### Colony Offenders

Summonses for being in possession of cameras without written permits from the Police were brought against three Chinese before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Pong Chi-chip, of 77 Woonnelchong Road, second floor, Happy Valley, was fined \$10 for having a camera in his possession at Reservoir Road, Pokfulam, on September 1.

Ho Lai, of 178 Queen's Road Central, top floor, was also fined \$10 for possession of a camera at Beach Road near Repulse Bay Lido on the same date.

A similar fine was imposed on Chan Lum, of 12 Tai Pak Terrace, ground floor, Kennedy Town, for having a camera with him in Pokfulam Road near his home on August 27.

The areas in which the defendants were found are areas where cameras may not be carried without a permit.

## LADY SWIMMER ROBBED

Miss Jacqueline Anderson, the well-known swimmer, was robbed while she took part in the Colony swimming championships yesterday.

She has reported to the police that she had her wrist watch stolen from the ladies' dressing room of the V.R.C., while she was taking part in swimming races.

## Australian Pilots For England Soon

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The first Australian fighter pilots under the Empire Air Training Scheme will be flying over the English Channel early next year, it is announced in Melbourne.

Each man will have had 150 flying hours in Australia followed by another course in Canada or Britain.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS DONATIONS TO WAR FUND FOR BOMBER PLANES

Considerably augmented by an encouraging and generous donation of \$1,000 from Mr. J. J. Johnson yesterday, a total of \$12,315.00 was reached by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. M. Post, Ltd. The latest donors are:

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Johnson, \$1,000. Mental Hospital Staff, (Mr. Johnson), \$100. Hongkong Cricket League, \$100. Mr. J. Bentley, \$100.

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## Australia's \$50,000 To Red Cross

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, said to-day that the Federal War Cabinet has decided to give £50,000 to the Red Cross. The St. John Ambulance Fund has received £25,000 from the Australian Red Cross.

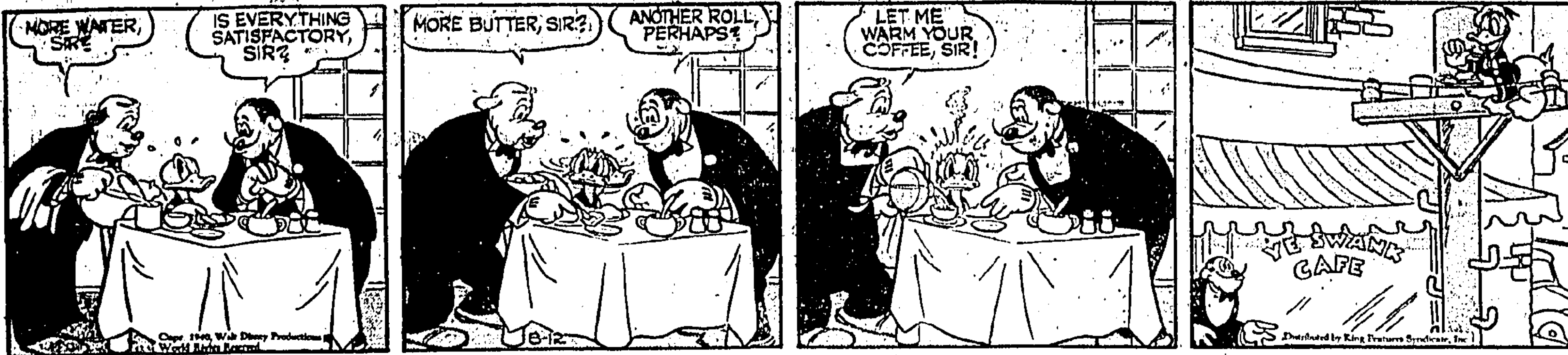
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## MAGAZINE PAGE

A story that will inspire you

# THE GALLANT 800

By DUDLEY BARKER

THIS is not merely a story of a small British force playing a minor part in a campaign which is now ended.

It is the story of any British soldier, keeping his head in difficulties and dangers, performing the seemingly impossible simply by sticking quietly to his job.

It shows what happens when an ordinary British civilian turned soldier is thrown into gigantic battle without ever having been under fire before.

It is the story—just released by the War Office—of which, in the end, will beat Hitler.

A month ago, when the armies were struggling in the battle of the Seine, the British needed to establish a defence line along the river Bethune, to cover the western Channel ports and Rouen.

The only men available were those in the base depots some men returning from leave, some who had been left to guard stores, some units of the Pioneer Corps, a few Army cooks, and so on.

Part of the force hurriedly scratched together from these units was a battalion christened Newcomb's Rifles, although the officer who gave them their name was put into another job, and they chose a colonel of the Royal Engineers to command them.

### BROOMSTICK ARMY

He was Lieut-Colonel L. E. C. Perowne, a huge man, of great physical strength, with fierce red hair and a red moustache.

He it was who took Newcomb's Rifles, fewer than 600 men, up to Bethune. Many of them were militiamen who had never been under fire. They had never trained as a unit, they did not know each other.

At first they had a lot of fun. They knew that there were only 2,000 British soldiers to line the 57-mile front, to face first the flood of panic-stricken refugees, and then the broken, fleeing French troops, and finally the huge German divisions. They could not hope to hold, only to delay.

So they built a lot of bays for the Germans—cluttered emplacement manned by tent poles wearing steel helmets, trenches full of military scarecrows, literally a broomstick army.

They mined the bridges, they put up wire, they scattered the line with real strong posts, land mines, tank traps and road blocks.

Every day they were pitilessly bombed, but they stood firm. Every day they sent out patrols, wondering whether the storm would break then, or a little later—and all the time the refugees flooded through them, for the Germans were at Abbeville and Amiens.

### "ROBIN HOOD"

On June 7 things began to look so bad that Colonel Perowne drew up a plan for withdrawal, in small separate parties, to the Seine ferries. He had to give it a code name, and he chose a grand one. He called it "Robin Hood."

Next day he knew the retreat was inevitable. So Colonel Perowne sent out his message.

"Robin Hood: Blow all bridges and cuters before leaving. Take

particular care against all observation. No special hurry. And all the time the bombs were smashing over.

No special hurry, said the R.E. colonel to his mixture of raw British soldiers.

They took him at his word. They carefully blew up the bridges, set the traps, and started in small parties through the woods and valleys towards the Seine. They calmly carried out orders.

These men who had not previously been under fire, who a year before might have been city clerks, shop assistants, fought a rearguard action as though they were the Guards.

### MEN OF ALL WORK

Not only did they save themselves, they helped the struggling mass of refugees through whom they passed.

One company went right through the forest of Trail, by compass bearings, avoiding all roads and paths which were in German occupation. They came out only 100 yards from the spot at which they were aiming.

Another company, the nearest to Rouen, where the Germans were in force, sending out parties to cut off the retreat, was rescued by Colonel Perowne in his car, and carried in several journeys to the River Seine at Fontaine.

On the last journey, after dark had fallen, his car ran into concertina wire draped round the night camp of a group of German tanks.

Automatic weapons opened fire at once. A heavier gun shelled and wrecked the car.

Nobody was hit, so the Colonel and his intelligence officer held on while the party slipped off into the woods.

Then the Colonel was chased for three hours by the Germans. He moved through the woods in the dark intervals between Very lights. He got away.

### TANK DODGING

Just before dawn four German tanks came rumbling up to battle, sent headquarters, which were hiding in a barn.

One tank turned in at the farm gate, the few British soldiers watching through a crack in the door.

Then one man crawled from the barn, slipped open a second farm-yard gate, and the whole little party dashed out in a small car and on two motor-cycles. They got away too, stopping to pick up their comrades on the way out.

The surprised tanks shot so wildly that they clean missed them.

When they had all reached the river, amidst wrecked towns under a pall of burning oil dumps, they found that the French ferry boats had tied up on the opposite bank, and did not seem to hear when they were called.

So one company camped for the night in a lair among the rocks, ringed round with the enemy.

Next morning the ferries started to work. But the men of Newcomb's Rifles had to control the refugees, the French troops who were clamouring to fight the incendiary bomb fire which threatened to demolish a jammed mass of vehicles—and then the ferry captain tied up on the far side again, refusing to come back.

So a few of Newcomb's Rifles swam the river, arrested the cap-

## Ireland's Fifth Column

BY DAVID WOODWARD

Special Correspondent, recently returned from a tour of Ireland

WITH the world full of rumour about the doings of Hitler's Fifth Columns in nearly every country it is natural that the potentialities of the Irish Fifth Column should be the subject of special attention.

Nowhere could Hitler find such centres of hatred against Britain, nowhere could he find such daring and ruthless allies as amongst the men of the I.R.A. German agents have already been able to accomplish so much in neutral countries that it is natural that in these specially favourable circumstances the wildest tales of their prodigies in Eire should be in circulation.

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For this the Irish Government itself is in some measure responsible, for the rigorous censorship which is carried on by Mr. de Valera's officials from what was once Queen Victoria's bedroom in Dublin Castle forbids to visiting journalists the mere mention of an Irish Fifth Column. Rumours and scares flourish the more abundantly as the Irish forbid the conditions which give rise to them even to be discussed.

But after a fortnight's careful search of Eire—and some knowledge gleaned in Denmark and Holland of how Fifth Column work—I came to the conclusion that there was no Fifth Column in Ireland comparable in power and size to those which Hitler organised so successfully in Scandinavia and the Low Countries.

In organising their supporters in Ireland the Germans have not been able to draw upon the two most important elements which contributed to the success of their Fifth Column activities elsewhere—a large German colony and a considerable political party within the country ready to do their bidding. There are only 326 Germans in Eire, and of these 140 are refugees and in view of the fantastic conduct of General O'Duffy it is easy to understand why no further attempt has been made to start another Fascist Party in Eire.

Still they were bombed, still unbeaten. They saw that all the refugees crossed the river safely. Not till then did they themselves cross. After a rearguard action that lasted 40 hours, four-fifths of them crossed the Seine with all their arms and baggage. Still they were bombed, still unbeaten.

### AND SO HOME

Four days after that they embarked for England. All that was left of them was 22 officers, 310 other ranks, 20 anti-tank rifles and 15 Bren guns.

When they got home, this little scratch force was disbanded as quickly as it had been flung together, and the men went back to their different units.

The history of Newcomb's Rifles lasted only for one month. It is not a unit you will hear again.

And when Colonel Perowne came to write his report, he summed the whole thing up thus—"It remained only for the company commanders to bring their companies, safely to the River Seine through country known to be occupied by enemy elements, liable to sudden attack, and subject to the closest scrutiny by enemy aircraft by day."

It is true that when the moment comes for a German attack the I.R.A. will strike hard against the British and Irish Governments, but that it will be able to secure decisive results is flatly denied by Irish official spokesmen and doubted by foreign observers, who do not deny, however, that the Irish authorities are probably over-optimistic in believing that the back of the I.R.A. has been broken by the internment of 400 of the organisation's ringleaders.

These men are mostly just the "N.C.O.s" of the movement, the real leaders having for the most part fled to Germany, and the rank and file—numbering, perhaps, but only perhaps, some 2,000—being still at large.

As to whether I.R.A. men have been able to smuggle themselves into the Irish Army there exists a complete difference of opinion between official sources and the opponents of the De Valera Government.

Apart from financing the I.R.A. and harbouring its exiled leaders, the German policy with regard to Fifth Column activities in Eire has been devoted almost entirely to lining up prominent individuals who might be useful later on as Quislings or deputy-Quislings.

The German Legation in Dublin is conducting itself very discreetly. Almost its only activity is protesting against the anti-German attitude of the Irish newspapers.

The Legation has a personnel of eight—as compared with the British Office and the American Legation, which have nine persons each, and the Italians, who have five. This figure also compares

with that for the former German Legation in The Hague, where there were 100 persons employed, including 42 Secretaries of Legation and Attaches.

For the Legation contact with Berlin is extremely difficult: neither the British nor the Irish are able to trace any use of radio by the Legation to transmit to Berlin, and when a bag comes from Berlin it is brought by parachutists or landed from a submarine.

It is of interest to note that the classes in which the Germans are trying to recruit their key men are two which have always, in every country, been centres of pro-Nazi discontent—the small business men and the young intellectuals faced with a future of poorly-paid jobs.

Almost all business and industry in Eire is conducted, save for the British and American firms, on a very small scale, and all the small-scale business men think they have the usual small-scale business man's grievances against bankers. The fact that the bankers in Ireland are considered by the average Irishman as "Britain's Fifth Column" does not help matters.

The other element of discontent in the middle classes is the flock of extremely well educated young men who finish four years' training at the Sinn Féin Nationalist University, or the Unionist Trinity College and are then faced by the fact that they have to take up jobs at £2 a week—if they are lucky enough to get them.

But the Fifth Column danger is not only to be found in De Valera's Eire. In Northern Ireland the police have to deal very vigorously with the Ulster branch of the Catholic Irishmen in the Six Counties. If war comes to Ireland Belfast is obviously of the greatest value to the British in the efforts which they will make to throw out a Nazi invader. Consequently the I.R.A. have taken special pains with their Ulster contingent—and that they have had some success is to be seen by the comparatively high proportion of Northern Irishmen who were implicated in the various I.R.A. outrages just before the beginning of the present war.

That the I.R.A. recruiting drive should have had success in the North greater than it had in the South is due in very large measure to the intense antagonism felt by the Northern Catholics against the Six County Government under Lord Craigavon—a Government which to them represents all the iniquities against which the Southern Irishmen successfully fought during the "Troubles."

## FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



"Just another of these anonymous manuscripts, Mr. Drivel!"

## U.S. Sees Possible Threat To Gibraltar

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The American capital is evincing considerable interest in Senator Sumner's visit to Berlin.

The announcements that he is discussing more than domestic issues have convinced many observers that General Franco's neutrality is rapidly coming to an end and that the Axis has managed to bring sufficient pressure to force his entry into the war on the side of the Axis.

It is realised in Washington that this should make possible a formidable attack upon Gibraltar as it is widely believed that very large German forces are now on Spanish soil.

### Swift Changes Likely

These possibilities, added to private reports from France that Vichy is strongly resisting the German peace terms and may flatly reject them, lend many here to believe that swift changes in the Western European line-up are more than possible—even probable.

Colour is given to these beliefs by reports here that the French air force in Morocco is already attacking Italians in Italy and German France. Reports from France indicate the possibility that if the German demands are pressed too far, the Vichy Government will fall and some government will be established in North Africa which might lead to a renewal of the alliance with Britain, thus strengthening the allies and embarrassing Mussolini in Africa.

Every move is being watched closely and anxiously, including the recent passage through the Straits of Gibraltar of six French warships without molestation by British guns.

## HURRICANE HITS EAST CANADA

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—A 70-mile-an-hour hurricane, the worst in 50 years, is now raging on the east coast of Canada from Halifax to Prince Edward Island.

Train services have been interrupted, telegraph services are cut and streets are flooded.

This is thought to indicate that the British Command was fully aware of the purpose of the warships' sailing and it is suspected that reports from German sources that they were proceeding to Dakar were designed to elicit some statement from London which would give Berlin an inkling of the real purpose of their voyage.

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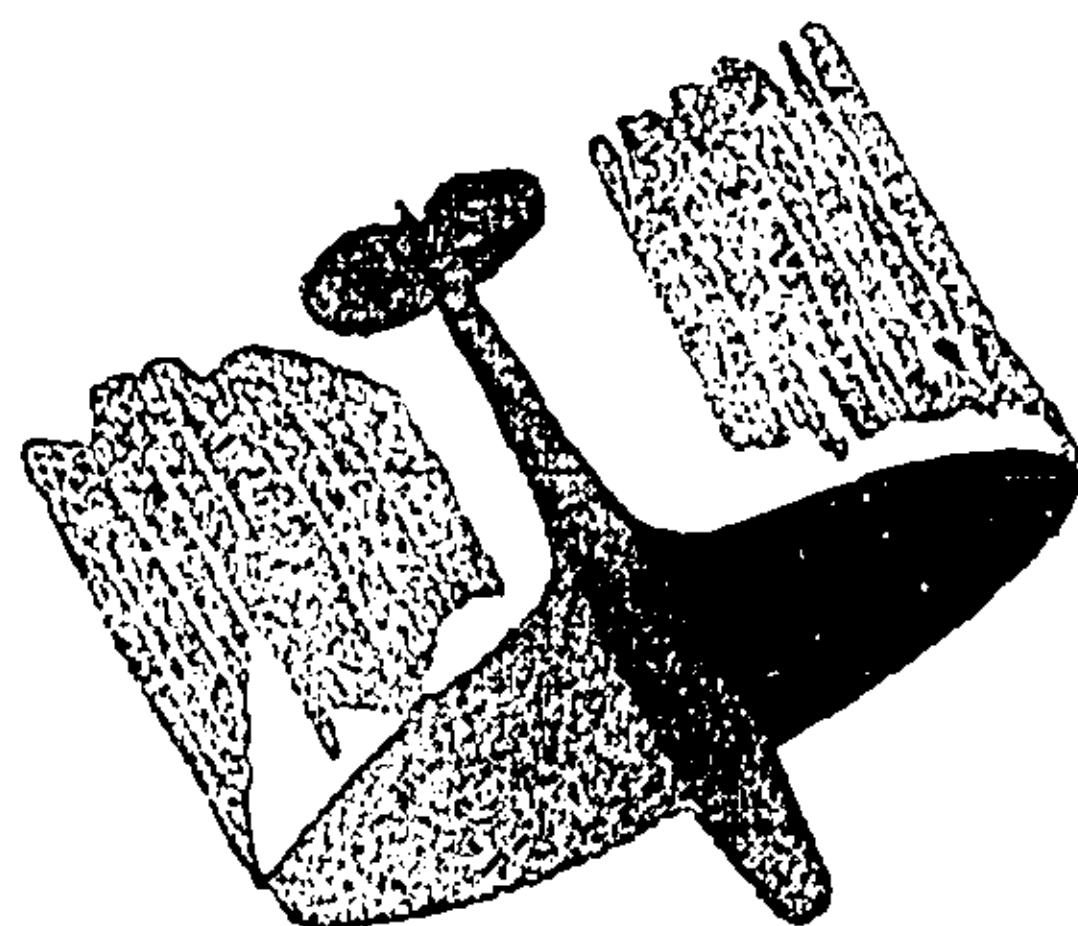
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### Gallants of England

In a crescendo of screaming planes and fierce air fighting, the Battle for Britain has raged for over a month. It is on a scale which could not have been dreamed of a few years ago, and once more Britain is surviving one of those strenuous tests which have marked her long and glorious island story. The German Reich is dashing its mighty air strength against what has proved, so far at least, an almost impenetrable wall of fighting planes. Whether the present action is part of the main blow which is to be aimed at the Mother Country or is but the opening phase of a plan involving an attempted sea invasion, a gleam of light is appearing through the clouds which have so long obscured the future.

There is now no question of Britain being defeated in this air battle. The spirit of her people has proved so strong and resolute, and the skill, courage, and tenacity of her young flying men have inflicted such appalling losses on the enemy that we know that Britain can withstand even heavier assaults. The vital importance of this fact lies in the knowledge that Germany is now nearing the maximum in her air striking power. She may increase the number of machines sent over Britain, but she is rapidly approaching the limit of safety for herself. Once she goes beyond this she will be risking the whole existence of her air force. Too great an effort would mean that the much vaunted Luftwaffe would smash itself into such a state of disorganisation and demoralisation that Germany would suffer from her own massed air attacks in this war as she suffered from massed infantry attacks in the last.

What has happened so far is a promise of what is to come. It will be a matter of scale, but the general results will be the same—namely, that heavy losses will be inflicted on the raiders in the ratio of about one machine destroyed in five, that the corresponding British losses will be comparatively small, and that the damage caused by bombs, extensive and grievous though it may be, will not inflict a mortal wound on the nation. The results will not justify the enormous effort and cost which Germany is putting into obtaining them.

This is a thoroughly considered statement, because the information being given out by the British authorities is accurate and reliable. There is no exaggeration in the figures supplied about German planes destroyed, and no diminution of our own losses. As much as can be safely divulged about the damage caused by the bombs is divulged. Many Hongkong people, far away from the scene, are asking how much damage is really being done. There is a feeling that this must be heavier than it appears on the surface. It can be stated authoritatively that the British communications give as accurate a statement of the real position as is possible without betraying valuable information to the enemy. Owing to a number of reasons, neither the material destruction nor the casualties are as heavy as might be thought. Chief of these reasons is the excellence of Britain's air defences, which have now been in course of preparation and perfecting for nearly two

# You Can't Tame A Tiger With A Saucer of Milk

WE are a marvellous people. As soon as the world thinks we are down, up go our tails and the fur begins to fly.

In a long experience of having my finger on the pulse of Britain, I have never known it beat so strongly as it is beating to-day.

We are now at the crisis of the war. We promised the world two months ago that if we could hold on just for a month we should win.

Well, we not only held on for that month but we have doubled the time. And we can say now without hesitation that the tide is on the turn. Hitler is doomed. It is our job to hasten the day of his doom.

Now is the time to throw defensive ideas out of our minds and fill them with the spirit of attack.

I WOULD suggest for a start that we begin to talk a little less about the defence of Britain. Let us call it instead the protection of Britain. Defence sounds too much like sitting in the fortress and waiting for Hitler. That is the last thing we want to do. We can force a stalemate by waiting for Hitler. But we are going to have no stalemate ending to this war.

Hitler is going down good and hard, if it costs us every penny and every ounce of strength we have.

### Eyes On Italy

Where do we begin—and when? I press again for action against Italy with all the force of which we are capable.

Despite the bounce and brag of Mussolini, the heart of Italy is not in this war. Mussolini, once well liked in his own country, is now widely hated there. One good reverse and Sawdust Caesar's throne will rock.

Already there are signs that we have the measure of the Italians. In the skies they are no match for our grand airmen, although they have a vast superiority in numbers.

So far as the army is concerned, I am told by those who should know that the Italians in the last war were heroes compared with the Italians in this. We know what that means. We have not tried our strength against the Italian Navy yet except in submarine chasing, the results of which have been very gratifying, but although on paper the Italian Fleet is far stronger than ours in Mediterranean waters, our men have complete confidence in the result of any battle.

But we must not leave the issue too long. We must get rid of this old men's nonsense of time being on our side. We want the job over soon. The longer it lasts the more lives will be lost, and our young lives are precious.

We must goad the Italians into sending their fleet out. That can be done by raining bombs on their inland cities and shells on their seaports. Pound them into action.

### Choose Five

Take the five chief cities of Italy and set about their swift and systematic destruction. Give them a dose of what the German dive bombers gave Rotterdam.

When Hitler found himself on the spot after the rape of Poland he is reported to have said: "The French want war. Well, they shall know what war is." Mussolini wanted war. So let

years. Another is the constant harassing which the raiders receive from British fighters. A third is the fact that England is a notoriously difficult terrain for air navigation. With its narrow, winding country roads, its puzzling network of railway lines and its patchwork of small fields and woods, it is deficient in identifiable landmarks or guide signs. German raiders are therefore liable to become lost and drop their bombs on mistaken objectives. This has apparently happened many times, and the reason why the British authorities are chary of announcing the names of places, particularly small places, affected by raids is that the revelation of such names would enable the Germans to check their navigation.

It is almost with relief that we can look forward to the immediate future. We are nearing the end of that unpleasant period when the worst lay ahead, when people were constantly wondering what it would be like "when it really started." For the Royal Air Force it means the end of a long strain. The strain of fighting is not nearly so bad, for the fighting airmen as the strain of sitting down and waiting to fight. There may be some dark days ahead; heavy blows may be inflicted and there may be pain, tears, and sorrow. But the young Gallants of England have proved themselves of the same breed as the men who overcame the might of Spain in 1808, the men of Napoleon in 1810, the plans of the Kaiser in 1914-18. They have shown that they can do their job.



And let us not forget that there are other weapons than high explosive bombs. A fortnight has passed since I first suggested that we should take advantage of the dry weather and set the forests of Germany alight from end to end. Still nothing has been done.

But make no mistake, it can be done. It should be done. And we should insist on it being done.

### Architect Advises

A landscape architect who was consultant to several huge estates of German landowners tells me that to cause a forest fire on the catastrophic scale we want would be a simple matter. But he adds the warning that if we delay more than a few weeks the best opportunities will be lost. So why delay? "The Germans were always petrified of fire in the late summer. It would be possible to cover with flames and smoke hundreds of miles of Germany, and on the minds of the population a huge pall of smoke overhanging the country for weeks would have an enormous effect."

AND here is another idea to add to the bombing and the forest fires. Cut Germany's jugular vein—the River Rhine.

The Rhine runs the whole length of western Germany. All that the German army in the west needs in men and supplies must cross it. If we could destroy the bridges it would be a first-rate disaster for Germany.

Now, we cannot bomb them because it would be too slow an operation, too costly in lives and too uncertain in results. But the Rhine is one of the fastest flowing rivers in Europe.

Why not, as I have suggested in other schemes, harness Nature to help us? Drop ordinary floating mines from dive bombing planes in hundreds between Mannheim and Cologne. The fast-moving river will carry the mines downstream. Whatever they touch will go up—bridges, barges, and even the river banks, which, incidentally, carry the railways. Every bang would be a prize, big or small.

Is it worth trying? Remember that once the mines were down the fast-flowing tide would make sweeping an impossibility. Come on, experts! Think it over. But hurry. NO doubt some of the people in high places will demur that these suggestions are not war according to the text-book. My answer is that you have got to get down in the gutter with Hitler and fight as he fights. Devise and use every hellish instrument you can think of and damn the Queensberry rules for the duration. You can't tame a tiger with a saucer of milk. So let's put something in the milk.

"Ah," some will say, "Hitler will reply." Of course he will. But the longer the war lasts the more we realise that some of Hitler's strength is bluff.

### But Act Now

So let us have less fear of Hitler and more faith in ourselves. Don't let us hear any more defeatism, or any more of this stupid talk that we might as well make peace with Hitler because he has no quarrel with us.

If he has come to the stage now that he has no quarrel with us, we certainly have a quarrel with him. And we are going to carry that quarrel through to the bitter end. I would arrest and shut up every man and woman, no matter how high born, who has the nerve to say otherwise.

BUT do not underestimate the task that lies before us. The hordes of Hitler are inflamed with a fanaticism which makes them crusaders, evil and beastly as are the ideals for which they are prepared to die. I will tell you two stories.

A German was brought into a field hospital in France with a badly shattered leg. He was almost unconscious when the anaesthetist came to prepare him for the operation to remove the leg. Suddenly he awoke as the mask was being put to his face.

"What are you doing?" he cried. "You must have an anaesthetic," they told him. "You are going to have an operation. It will be painful and this will save you pain."

"I will not have it," he said. "I can suffer pain for my Führer." And he died.

Another German lay in hospital on the edge of death. There was only one way in which his life might be saved, and they prepared for it.

"What are you doing?" he moaned. "We are giving you a blood transfusion," they told him. He spun into alertness.

"Whose blood?" he demanded. "A Frenchman has given it for you," they replied.

"Filthy French blood," he shrieked. "I will not have it in my veins." And he died not. So he died.

These are the men you are fighting. To defeat them, those who fight the good fight for righteousness must be Crusaders too, prepared to suffer, prepared, if necessary, to die, but determined that their ideals shall live whatever the cost.

John Gordon



## Premier Remains Quietly Confident BRITAIN READY FOR ANYTHING

### Our Increasing Resources

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—Prior to attending Parliament, Mr. Winston Churchill lunched with His Majesty at Buckingham Palace and had a long audience with the King.

When he rose to address the House of Commons, the Prime Minister did not keep the House waiting with a preamble. Almost immediately he announced the advance of the Italian Army in Libya and the expectations of an attempted German invasion.

The Prime Minister intimated that he did not feel it necessary to make an extensive statement as practically all facts not of a secret nature had been made public.

#### Italian Advance

An advance of the Italian Army in Libya was in progress, he said, and two British platoons which had been holding Sollum had been withdrawn. The enemy was still at some distance from the British positions of resistance.

Deployment of German barges and ships in preparation for an invasion of Britain and Ireland continued, Mr. Churchill added, and "we must expect that Hitler will make an attempt at what he judges to be the best opportunity. All our preparations must, therefore, be maintained in a state of vigilance."

#### Damaged Nazi Bases

Continuing Mr. Churchill said: "The process of waiting, keyed up to concert pitch day after day, is apt after a while to lose its charm of novelty. There is no doubt that it imposes a heavy strain on all concerned, but we must not under-estimate the damage inflicted on the enemy by the very heavy nightly bombardment on his concentration of ships and on all focal points.

"Undoubtedly serious injury has been done to his ships but, meanwhile, our strength is steadily increasing. Sunday's action was the most brilliant and the most fruitful of any fought on a general scale up to date by the R.A.F."

#### Increasing Confidence

"There are very good reasons for believing at the present time that very grievous inroads have been made on the enemy's numerical superiority, and we may await the decision of this prolonged air battle with a spirit of increasing confidence. "German attacks on the civilian population have been concentrated mainly on London in hopes of terrorising the citizens into submission or throw them into confusion, and, of course, with the silly idea that they will put pressure on the Government to make peace (laughter)."

"Deliberate and repeated attacks upon Buckingham Palace and upon the persons of our beloved King and our beloved Queen (Cheers) are also intended, apart from their general barbarity, to have an unsettling effect upon public opinion."

#### Had Opposite Effect

"They, of course, have the opposite effect (loud Cheers). They united the King and Queen to their people by new sacred bonds of common danger and they steel all hearts to a stern, unrelenting prosecution of the war against so foul a foe."

After giving the casualty figures mentioned by Lord Caldecote in the House of Lords, Mr. Churchill proceeded:

#### Wanton Slaughter

"It is very agreeable to see increases maintained over so wide a field in spite of the enemy's fire. To see how indiscriminate and wanton is the enemy's attack, there were 10,000 civilian casualties from air attack but less than 250 in all the fighting services."

"The Air Raid Precautions organization has proved its efficiency and the greatest discipline and devotion to duty has been shown by all."

"The task of preserving the health and well-being of an enormous community exceeding 6,000,000 souls in the Thames Valley, of supplying them with all necessities and making provision for those whose homes have been destroyed or those who have had to be evacuated, has proved a strain upon the machinery of the Government which calls for exertion by all the authorities concerned."

"This heavy, intricate task is being efficiently and successfully discharged. The whole system of our life and labour is being rapidly adapted to conditions hitherto unknown to modern society."

#### Bigger Air Battles Yet

"Intensification of the air attack has made it difficult to draw precise conclusions as to the new rules about our air raid warnings, but broadly speaking, the alarm must be an alert and not an alarm."

"We must expect that very many more intense examples of air fighting will be experienced in future."

Mr. Churchill, in conclusion, intimated that there were some matters connected with arrangements under air attack which he preferred to discuss in private.

Acting on his suggestion, the House went into secret session and adjourned shortly afterwards.

#### Caldecote's Speech

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—In the House of Lords to-day, Viscount Caldecote went into the war situation in more detail on certain points than did the Prime Minister.

Lord Caldecote referred to the Canadian, Australian and New Zealand forces available in Britain "to

## THAI & FRANCE SIGN PACT

VICHY, Sept. 17 (UP).—It is officially announced that the Non-Aggression Pact between Thailand and France, concluded on June 12 last, will become effective within a few days.

The pact provides for the settlement by arbitration of the dispute of long standing regarding the possession of several islands in the Mekong River. The river forms the frontier between Thailand and French Indo-China.

Certain elements in Thailand have taken advantage of the negotiations to claim the return of territory which belonged to Thailand before 1893.

The French Foreign Office has formally told Bangkok that France will not, under any circumstances, consider these demands.

## Professes Ignorance

Lord Caldecote And The Indo-China Situation

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—Lord Caldecote, in the House of Lords to-day, said he had no definite information as to the course negotiations were said to be proceeding between Indo-China and Japan at Hanoi.

In view, however, of current reports that Japan had been pressing the Government of Indo-China to allow the passage of Japanese troops and the establishment of air and naval bases in the colony, His Majesty's Government had made clear to the Japanese Government their interest in the maintenance of the status quo in that area.

The question of provision of petrol for distribution of medical supplies in the interior of China had been actively pursued.

It was hoped that a definite proposal on this point would be made to the Japanese in the near future.

## AUSSIE POULTRY FOR HONGKONG

Lane, Crawford Innovation

A degree of reciprocity has entered this pastime of evacuation. While Australia is receiving and welcoming Hongkong evacuees, Hongkong is doing likewise with Australian chickens.

This is the first time in history that farm-fed chickens have been imported by Hongkong from Australia. Credit for the innovation goes to Lane Crawford's, whose butchery department is now featuring these Australian and other Empire poultry. The Australian birds are obtainable from four to six pounds in weight and are equal in quality to the famous English Surrey birds.

repel an invasion should an invasion come, and also to units of the Royal Canadian Navy and the naval contingent from New Zealand.

In the air, he added, the Canadian fighter squadrons had helped magnify the increase of the enemy's losses and Britain had invaluable assistance from the Royal Australian Air Force. More recently, there arrived a contingent from Southern Rhodesia and in the R.A.F. were many pilots from all the Dominions and indeed from all parts of the Empire.

Lord Caldecote also referred to the remarkable contribution made by Newfoundland in the defence of the British Isles both by sea and air.

In respect of the Empire Air Training Scheme, Lord Caldecote said that this in advance of schedule and that Britain would shortly be receiving a flow of highly-skilled pilots and air crews to redress the balance in the air and ultimately to give Britain air superiority.

In the Middle East, an important part was being played by the forces of South Africa. The South African Air Force was distinguished itself by inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. The Dominions had not confined their help to military, naval and air contingents, but were producing an ever-increasing output of munitions and military supplies of many kinds.

Turning to the Mediterranean, Lord Caldecote said our naval forces recently swept the Mediterranean from end to end for six days without any naval action being taken by the enemy.

Meanwhile convoys of troops and materials had arrived in the Near East, taking fighting men and supplies to fill the gaps in that theatre of war left by the collapse of France.

## First Gallantry Awards In "Battle of Britain"

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The first military awards for gallantry in the "Battle of Britain" were announced to-night in the "London Gazette."

Temporary Second Lieutenant J. D. Kenyon-Hague, of the Scots Guards, gets the Military Cross for heroism on August 18. He was in charge of a detachment at an aerodrome which was attacked by enemy bombers in five successive waves.

His headquarters were destroyed by a bomb in the first wave and he was buried in debris.

Extorted by a sergeant but suffering from shock as well as severe pain in the shoulder which was crushed by falling masonry, he immediately visited his posts and found that the men in the reserve trench had been driven out of it by burning petrol from the petrol tank of a lorry which exploded.

#### Saved Many Lives

Hague collected these men into two parties and led them to other shelters, of which the furthest was 100 yards away.

While doing this, ten more bombs were dropped within a few yards of him and he was subjected to continuous machine gun fire from heights varying between 300 to 30 feet.

His prompt action and initiative while suffering much pain undoubtedly prevented casualties being much heavier.

#### Unexploded Bombs

Heroism displayed in dealing with unexploded bombs is recognised by the award of the medal of the British Empire to three officers and a non-commissioned officer of the Bomb Disposal Section of the Royal Engineers.

The list is headed by Lieut. Edward Womersley Reynolds, who on two occasions took great risk in extracting fuses from two large bombs. One had fallen in a garden amongst some council houses and the other in front of some business premises in a congested area.

Second Lieut. Ellis Edward Talbot is another recipient of the medal. After ordering his men to safety, he carried unexploded bombs on his shoulder for 200 yards to a safe spot.

Second Lieut. Wallace Laurence Andrews exploded bombs by pulling a cord attached to the fuse of a charge. He was blown a considerable distance and two of his men were wounded.

Lance Sergeant William John Hutton was also thrown a considerable distance when a bomb exploded, killing five of his men.

#### Territorial Wins M. M.

The Military Medal is awarded to Sergeant E. G. Hardy, of the Royal Artillery, in charge of a gun on the sea coast on August 18 which engaged two enemy planes, one a dive-bomber.

The cable of a parachute, with a bomb attached, failed the powers of the observatory, foisted the powers of the bomb suspended in mid-air. Sergeant Hardy ordered the gun team of a safe distance, examined the bomb, detached it from the parachute and threw it into the sea.

The bomb exploded in mid-air a few feet from Hardy, who was blown back by the blast but not injured.

Lance Corporal J. E. Stevens Vale and Lance Corporal J. Miller, of the Scots Guards, and Private Joseph Lister, of the Border Regiment, Territorial Army, are also awarded the Military Medal for similar heroism during a heavy aerial attack on August 18 on an aerodrome.

#### First L. D. V. Award

Volunteer Glyn Jones of the Home Guard also gets a Military Medal for rescuing a man on the night of July 12-13, who was seriously wounded in the bombing of a vital point at which he was on guard.

This is the first occasion upon which a member of the Home Guard has been awarded a military decoration.

#### Answers to Correspondents

FLAG: Sorry, we can't start that kind of controversy.—Ed.

## U.S. Warship Flotilla Named After Churchill

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—There were changes in the Chamber when the House of Commons met this afternoon to hear Mr. Winston Churchill on the war situation.

Most of the valuable stained glass on both sides had been removed and plain glass substituted.

As the House assembled, Mr. Churchill's "walling banishes" heralded the approach of German raiders, but an even more insistent note was made by strong patrols of British fighters overhead as these scurried through the skies while the House of Commons proceeded with the time-honoured questions and answers.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the former Prime Minister, entered just before question time for the first time since his illness and he was loudly cheered by members in all parts of the House.

#### Premier Blushes

Further cheers were raised by Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, when he announced that His Majesty had approved that the name of the leader of the first flotilla of American destroyers transferred to this country should be Churchill.

Mr. Churchill blushed as this announcement was made and one member called out to the Prime Minister, "Hold your head up."

## Iceland Invasion Rumours Grow As— Reich Masses Troops In Northern Norway Came Through Sweden

LONDON Sept. 17 (UP).—Reports reaching here from trustworthy diplomatic sources stated that there was a substantial increase in the German troops in northern Norway.

North of Trondheim, it was estimated that there were 20,000 German troops up to a few days ago, it is stated that now there are between 50,000 and 100,000.

It is believed that all came directly from Germany, leaving the German garrison in southern Norway intact. Unconfirmed reports say that several thousand German troops traversed Sweden and for that reason the purpose of the German military movements to northern Norway are at present obscure.

Experts are inclined to disregard the theory that the troops are intended to support Finland against another Russian attack.

The supposition is finding more credence here that Hitler may be contemplating an invasion of Iceland.

## Universal Horror

At Attacks Made By Nazis On Buckingham Palace

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The Belgian Ambassador, as doyen of the Diplomatic Corps, has called at Buckingham Palace to express, on behalf of his colleagues, their sympathy and also their indignation at the recent deliberate bombing attacks on Their Majesties' London home.

Telegrams from the colonies continue to reflect the horror of people throughout the Empire at the attacks on Buckingham Palace coupled with heartfelt relief at the providential escape of Their Majesties.

Malta, Mauritius, the Supreme Moslem Council of Palestine, the Haifa Jewish community, Southern Rhodesia, Nyaland, Uganda and other dependents among the senders of such messages.

## Catroux Arrives In England

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—General George Catroux, former governor of French Indo-China and one of General de Gaulle's most ardent supporters, has arrived in Britain.

He was Governor of Indo-China until the Vichy Government dismissed him. He is reputed to know Morocco and other parts of French Africa as well as any man.

## Queen's Gesture

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—Wardrobes, beds, and chairs were among the things the Queen has sent from Windsor Castle for the relief of the people whose homes were wrecked in the recent Nazi air raids on London.

## SINGLE RAIDERS ATTACK LONDON'S WEST END

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The first hours of the raid this evening appeared to be far less lively than in the last three days.

Planes came over singly or in small groups. Bursting shells followed them through the clouds.

Raiders in the London area were greeted not only by the usual barrage but by a number of searchlights. These had been markedly few during the past six days.

Very soon after the alarm was sounded, several planes drove towards Central London, but they swiftly moved out again when met by salvo after salvo from many guns.

#### Fighters Driven Back

LONDON, Sept. 17 (UP).—Fifty German planes, the majority of them fighters, crossed the southeast coast during the afternoon.

The formations were broken up by anti-aircraft fire and shortly thereafter a number were seen returning to their bases over the Channel. All the planes were flying at great height.

#### Damage in West End

On Monday night, a four-storey business house on Savile Row, West End, was flattened by a direct hit by a bomb after which it caught fire. Big apartment blocks in the West End, accommodating about 1,000 persons were compulsorily evacuated this afternoon.

Piccadilly, Park Lane, Berkeley Square, Bond Street, Oxford Street, Sloane Square, Mayfair and Bruton Street were also bombed.

In many places in the west end, the scenes are reminiscent of the East End which was bombed and suffered largely in earlier raids. A number of very well known stores in the West End with world-wide clients were either wholly or partly closed, the plate glass windows shattered and the fashionable shopping streets carpeted with glass.

#### Japanese Office Hit

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". LONDON, Sept. 17 (Dome).—The offices of the London agent of the Bank of Japan suffered during the fierce Nazi raids on London between Monday night and Tuesday morning. A bomb fell on the roof of the office and caused a small fire which was extinguished.

#### More Raids

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". LONDON, Sept. 17 (UP).—The London area responded to the crash of bombs at midnight when relays of Nazi planes, flying at top speed through an intense barrage, dropped their missiles.

Despite vicious shelling from the anti-aircraft batteries the invading planes persisted in their attack and dropped numbers of whistling bombs. It is officially announced that up to midnight five enemy bombers had been brought down in attacks on southeast England during the darkness.

Four raiders were destroyed by A. A. fire and one by a lightning plane. This makes the total of 12 destroyed on Tuesday.

Three British planes are lost or missing, but two of the pilots are safe. Reports from Dover at midnight said that there is unlimited ceiling and visibility and that waves of German planes are crossing the coast. Some bombs and possibly some shells fell in the Dover area.

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—Economic negotiations between Japan and the Netherlands East Indies opened at Batavia to-day.

No communiqué has yet been issued about the first meeting which lasted 1½ hours.

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## Only One Killed In London Docks Raids

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—Only one man had been killed in the recent air raids within the limits of the London docks.

This was revealed by Mr. Ronald Cross, the Minister of Shipping, in a broadcast to-night.

He said: "After days and nights of horror and bombs and flames, thanks to the wonderful air raid shelter organisation of the Port of London, the great bulk of the people in those bombed parts of London were remaining. They refused to move for Hitler."

Those leaving the district were not "done for." They were, so to speak, the wounded going out of the battle. The great bulk of the people in those bombed parts of London were remaining. They refused to move for Hitler."

Outside the docks the story was very different and a strange sight was the miles of firemen hoses running the length of street after street.

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The following report of the secret session of the House of Commons is issued under the authority of the Speaker. "The House went into secret session and discussion took place on future sittings of the House. It was decided to meet at regular intervals but that dates and times should not be specified."

## Secret Session: Official Report



## Around The Courses

# MAUREEN RUTTLE WINS WOMEN'S

## (Unofficial) TITLE

### Joan Pemberton Beaten 5/4 At Roehampton

#### Effects Of Heavy Rain

(By "Birdie")

THOUGH CONSIDERABLY LATE in its arrival in Hongkong, news is at last here of the final of the "Daily Sketch" Women's War Relief Fund Tournament—17-year-old Maureen Ruttle beat Joan Pemberton 5 and 4 at Roehampton to take what is generally recognised to be the women's 1940 (unofficial) championship. The match was over 18 holes.

This competition was divided into two sections—Northern and Southern—Miss Pemberton was the winner of the first and Miss Ruttle the second, and the result of the final was the latter's revenge for the defeat she sustained when they met in semi-finals of the 1938 Women's Championship.

Incidents during the day were quite numerous. These, however, were connected with the Red Cross match in the afternoon when Henry Cotton partnered the new champion (?) and beat Alfred Padgham and Miss Pemberton, also by 5 and 4.

Ticket No. 8 was drawn for the free lesson from Cotton. There was no claimant.

The re-draw brought out ticket No. 40—still no taker.

They belonged to Enid Wilson—women's international—and Bill Cox—flyer Cup player.

#### Money Saved

WITH a six-foot putt that rattled in the cup, Henry Cotton saved for the Red Cross Fund a shower of silver that fell on the 13th green. This was on condition that one of the four long putts on that green was sunk. Cotton watched his two opponents and then his partner miss their shots.

"We can't give all that money back," he remarked humorously, and then rattled home his six-footer.

#### Pickpockets Active

BUT a more disasteful note was the discovery that pick-pockets had been active among the generous crowd, and several wallets had been "lifted". The "Daily Sketch" made an appeal to the sportsmanship of the light-fingered gentlemen for the return of the wallets—the owners of which had promised half of the contents to the Red Cross Fund.

RIVALS since their earlier days, though one can't imagine many such earlier days in Miss Ruttle's career, the

two young finalists set off in high spirits. Miss Pemberton was unable to produce anything like the form that took her around the Birkdale course in 74 in the Northern competition, and it was Miss Ruttle's day. She was longer with her woods, and faultless with her short irons and putting.

The 9th gave the eventual champion a lead of 3. At this hole, Miss Pemberton needed to hole her chip for a half and she had the mortification of seeing her shots roll into the cup and then out again!

The next three holes in a row put Miss Ruttle in a hole, and though Miss Pemberton kept the match alive by chipping to hole and win the 13th with a 2, the 14th was halved and the match was over.

THE clay content of the soil rather than the fault of drainage has made the Country Club, Sheungshui, the worst stricken of all by the heavy rain that has fallen during the past few months. The water was retained on the surface for an unbelievably long time, and the result is that much of the grass has died and many of the 700 young trees that were planted have been drowned.

A six-inch deep ditch has been dug across the first fairway and the water is still running! Another unfortunate, but not unexpected result of the rain, is that the sand on the greens settled almost solid, and all the greens have to be dug up.

There is a lot of work to be done, and it is extremely doubtful if it can be completed within the first few months of the new season.



Left: Chan Chun-nam, whose time was best in the heats for the 220 free-style championship at the V.R.C. last night.



Right: Charles Huang—two seconds slower than Chan—was a very good second in the second heat of the evening.

#### Swimming Championships

## Chan Chun-nam Returns Best Time For 220 Yards Free-style Heats

#### To-day's Programme

Heats to-day will only be necessary for:  
Women's 100 yards breast-stroke.  
Men's 440 yards free-style.  
For each of the other four events—Men's 50 yards, Boys' 100 yards free-style, Women's 150 yards medley relay and Men's 150 yards medley relay—there are not more than five entries for each event, and can be accommodated in the finals.

#### Pairs Championship

### R. Basa And J.S. Landolt Eliminated

#### Defending Champions In Semi-Finals

H. A. ALVES and F. V. V. Ribeiro, defending champions in the Open Pairs lawn bowls tournament, eliminated R. Basa and J. S. Landolt 22-10 in a quarter-final match played at the Kowloon Football Club last night.

Though Basa and Landolt got off to a start of 3-0 over the first two heads, Ribeiro and Alves gradually overhauled them until by the 6th end the champions were 4-3 in front.

The scoring on the succeeding two heads more or less decided the match. Two 4's to the Ribeiro pair put them in a 6-shots' lead. On the high standard of bowling, anything above a 2 was hardly to be expected, and the scoring of two 4's, and on consecutive heads, was, as it proved to be, the death blow to the hopes of the Craigiepower pair of reaching the semi-finals.

The scores were:  
R. Basa and J. S. Landolt 10  
H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro 22

	R. Basa and J. S. Landolt	H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro
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2	0	2
3	0	3
4	0	4
5	0	5
6	1	6
7	1	7
8	1	8
9	1	9
10	1	10
11	1	11
12	1	12
13	1	13
14	1	14
15	1	15
16	1	16
17	1	17
18	1	18
19	1	19
20	1	20
21	1	21
22	1	22

A dead head.

#### Open Singles Draw

THE DRAW for the Second Round in the Open Lawn Bowls Singles

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27754) will close at 11.45 a.m.  
Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order, S. A. SLEAP, Secy. Secretary, Hongkong, 16th September, 1940.

## Excellent Times For Women's 50 Yards

(By "Tinker")

IT WAS CHAN CHUN-NAM, the almost "legless wonder," who took the eye in the first heats of the Colony Swimming championships at the Victoria Recreation Club pool yesterday, for in beating off the spirited challenge of Charles Huang in the second heat for the 220 yards free-style he clocked 2 mins. 31.4/5 secs.

Ng Nin, who swam in the first heat, was given opposition from Mak Wai-ming over the first six lengths, but thereafter moved easily to the front and clocked 2 mins. 36.2/5 secs. This was a comparatively slow time, but I am sure that it was not Ng Nin's best. Charles Huang, who was second to Chan Chun-nam, clocked 2 mins. 33.2/5 secs.

It is among these three that a great race will be seen in the final. One thing is quite certain that on that day Ng Nin, who has an effortless style and a very fine glide, and who finished strongly yesterday, will be a different swimmer.

The times for the respective 50's of Chan and Ng Nin yesterday were: Chan 30 1/2 (64); (34); 1.40 (35 1/2); 2.17 (37); 2.31 1/2.

Ng Nin 30 1/2; 65 (34 1/2); 1.43 1/2 (38 1/2); 2.22 1/2 (39); 2.36 1/2.

It will be seen that after the first 100 yards, Ng Nin slowed up considerably and clocked his last two heats in 38 1/2 and 39 seconds respectively.

It was over those last lengths that Mak, who had taken a temporary lead over the 100 yards, apparently tired and dropped behind. Charles Huang's time was surprisingly good—earlier estimation of his ability has been proved wrong, but I very much doubt if he can improve very much on his race last night. He gave Chan all the opposition he needed, and was trying very hard over the last 70 yards.

#### The Women's Heats

The women's heats for the 50 yards free-style comprised the rest of the programme.

There was no need for heats in the 100 yards breast-stroke (for which event, incidentally, I think Ng Nin was reserving some of his energy). Enrique Chaine, present champion, was ill and unable to turn out, which left five swimmers for the final.

As expected Miss Ko Mui-ling won her heat and Miss V. Churn won hers (the second). The respective times were 31 1/2 secs. and 31 1/2 secs. Second to Miss Churn, Miss Ho Wai-king also clocked 31 1/2 secs. Miss J. Anderson, who was second to Miss Ko in 32 1/2 secs., might have taken off the fraction had she and Miss I. Lopes not come in contact a few yards from the finish.

#### Championship was made yesterday.

The green allocations and dates are as follows:

**MONDAY, SEPT. 23**  
At Kowloon B.G.C.—L. F. Xavier v. A. Eastman; Y. S. Tap v. C. G. Silva.  
At Kowloon F.C.—J. C. Remedios v. J. C. G. v. Wong v. H. White; R. Morrison v. A. E. Carey.

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 24**  
At Police R.C.—C. W. Lam v. H. F. Anon; J. H. Gelling v. H. E. Strang; W. R. Hillier v. W. Ward.  
At Kowloon B.G.C.—W. J. Howard v. C. H. Busto.  
At Kowloon F.C.—J. McKelvie v. U. C. Omar; T. Madar v. F. Goodwin.  
At Kowloon C.C.—Y. Abbas v. C. C. Pereira; C. Downman v. J. S. Landolt.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25**  
At Kowloon F.C.—J. McCutcheon v. A. M. Omar; F. X. M. da Silva v. B. Busto.  
At Craigiepower—M. N. Rakusen v. F. P. Anslow; A. R. Mina v. W. S. Day; J. J. Busto.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 26**  
At Kowloon B.G.C.—W. J. Howard v. C. H. Busto.  
At Kowloon F.C.—J. McKelvie v. U. C. Omar; T. Madar v. F. Goodwin.  
At Kowloon C.C.—Y. Abbas v. C. C. Pereira; C. Downman v. J. S. Landolt.

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 27**  
At Kowloon B.G.C.—V. Chittenden v. W. K. Wey v. W. Simpson; A. R. Dallah v. H. A. Alves.  
At Kowloon F.C.—A. J. Hall v. R. O. Hughes.

These are excellent times, and as in the men's 220, are indication that the final of this race, too, will be very close.

In all these heats, the first two in each and the best third qualified for the finals.

The results were:

#### Championships

**220 YARDS FREE-STYLE (MEN):**  
Heat 1—Ng Nin, 2 mins. 30.2/5 secs.; Mak Wai-ming, 2 mins. 40.4/5 secs.; Yau Sai-kwan, 2 mins. 48.3/5 secs.; Young Cheong-wah, 2 mins. 48.3/5 secs.  
Heat 2—Chan Chun-nam, 2 mins. 31.4/5 secs.; Charles Huang, 2 mins. 33.2/5 secs.; Loui Tai-ping, 2 mins. 39.2/5 secs.

**Finalists**  
Ng Nin, Mak Wai-ming, Yau Sai-kwan, Chan Chun-nam and C. Huang.

**50 YARDS FREE-STYLE (WOMEN):**  
Heat 1—Miss Ko Mui-ling, 31.4/5 secs.; Miss J. Anderson, 32.5/5 secs.; Miss I. Lopes, 33.1/5 secs.; Miss C. Ho, 43.4/5 secs.  
Heat 2—Miss V. Churn, 31.5/5 secs.; Miss Ho Wai-king, 31.4/5 secs.; Miss D. Weir, 33.2/5 secs.

**Finalists**  
Miss Ko Mui-ling, Miss J. Anderson, Miss I. Lopes, Miss V. Churn and Miss Ho Wai-king.

#### V.R.C. HANDICAPS

Boys 50 yards back-stroke (handicap)—Heat 1: J. Rosa-Pereira, A. Sandberg, T. Lopes, J. Gomes.  
Heat 2: R. Souza, F. Monterro, C. Gutierrez.

#### Football

#### Lido Stars Turning Out For Eastern

#### Arriving This Week

#### THREE PLAYERS from the

Lido, top ranking football Club in Shanghai, will be arriving in the Colony sometime this week to join the ranks of the Eastern Athletic Football Club.

The three are V. K. Chyul (centre-forward), C. T. Tsao (inside-left) and S. Y. Yen (left back). Their first appearance will be against the Sing Tao XI, who will be Eastern's opponents on the Hongkong F.C. ground on Sunday, 4.45 p.m.

#### Major Baseball

#### TIGERS BACK IN LEAD AGAIN

#### SEE-SAW STRUGGLE

NEW YORK, Sept. 17 (UP).—The see-saw struggle between the Cleveland Indians and the Detroit Tigers for the leadership of the American Baseball League goes on. To-day the Tigers beat Washington Senators 6-3 and ousted the Indians from their yesterday's lead, when the Indians were noised out 4-3 by the Philadelphia Athletics.

Scores were:

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Philadelphia..... R H E

Battery: Beckman, Hayes..... 4 9 1

Cleveland..... R H E

Battery: Mitnar..... 5 9 8

Howell, Pytkak.....

Washington..... R H E

Battery: Montague, Montague, Early..... 3 7 1

Detroit..... R H E

Battery: Rowe, Benton, Sullivan, Tebbetts..... 0 6 1

New York..... R H E

Battery: Donohue, Dickey..... 9 10 0

St. Louis..... R H E

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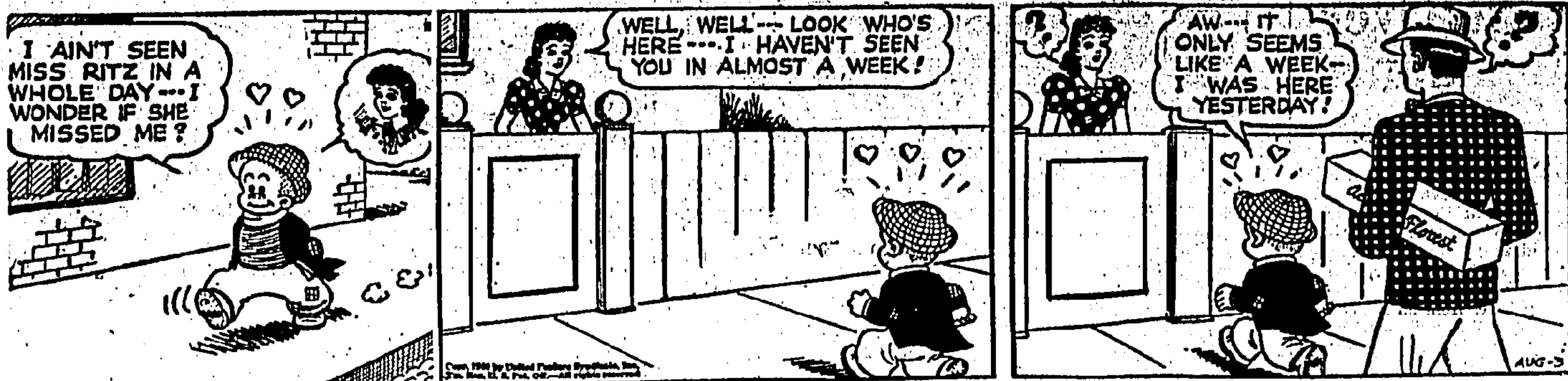
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By Ernie Bushmiller

## ESCAPE IS IMPOSSIBLE

R.A.F. Planes Search Out Nazi Shipping

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—From dawn to-day reconnaissance aircraft of the Coastal Command were combing the enemy coastline over the entire Channel area, states the Air Ministry news service.

Searches on a large scale had been organised overnight to ascertain the sudden changes in disposition of German sea forces. These changes were imposed on the enemy after a day of harassing and bombing action and in consequence of the strong westerly wind which swept the Channel throughout the night.

It blew with gale force in exposed places and where German surface craft had been last sighted.

**New Positions Located**

Most of the Channel was very rough and, as expected, enemy ships and small craft had scattered and hurried to seek shelter.

Their new positions were quickly located to-day by the Coastal Command.

These operations were supplementary to the routine anti-submarine and convoy escort patrols on which 15,000 miles were flown in a few hours notwithstanding the general bad weather.

To-day the Coastal Command gave escort to many large convoys of merchant vessels and there was not a single enemy attempt at molestation by air or sea.

## Speeding-Up War Production

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—According to the "Dow-Jones" agency, the War Department, apparently with support of the White House, has sent Congress a request for \$300,000,000 for enlargement of aeroplane-manufacturing facilities and speeding up production.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-cession.

12.30 Compositions of Schumann. 1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Sidney Torch at the Organ.

1.13 Concert Walzsa. 1.29 Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music. 2.15 Close Down.

6.00 p.m. Beethoven—"Eroica" Variations on E Flat Major. Lili Kraus (Piano).

6.23 Mozart—Divertimento No. 17 in D Major. Sir Hamilton Harty cond. London Philharmonic Orchestra.

6.50 Percy Hemling and the New Mayfair Orchestra. 7.17 Rawica and Landauer (Two Pianos).

7.30 London Relay—The News. 8.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

8.03 Musical Comedy. 8.15 Studio—Recital by Nella Ash (Soprano) with E. O'Neill Shaw at the Piano.

1. (a) "I Give my Heart" (Millocer). (b) "Villia" (Lehar). Nella Ash. 2. (a) Selected Piano Solo. E. O'Neill Shaw. 3. (a) "Sweetheart" (Victor Herbert). (b) "Love, Come Back to Me" (Romberg). (c) "Indian Love Call" (Friml). Nella Ash.

8.35 Dance Music. 9.00 p.m. London Relay—The News.

9.30 London Relay—"Matters of Moment."

9.45 A Chronological Programme of French and Italian Composers. 11.00 Close Down.

## Wavell Orders Scots, Anzacs And Indians To Dig In As Desert Blitzkrieg Begins

# 500,000 ITALIAN TROOPS MARCH INTO EGYPT

Special to the "Telegraph"

OVER 100,000 Scots, Australian, New Zealand and Indian troops were reported last night to be entrenching around Mersa Matruh, where, apparently, General Wavell plans to begin the real fighting against Graziani's invading Italian forces.

Streaming over the desert tableland along the southern caravan highways, Italian forces totalling over half a million men are converging on Alexandria, 250 miles away, from at least three directions, says "United Press."

## STOCK EXCHANGE STAYS STEADY

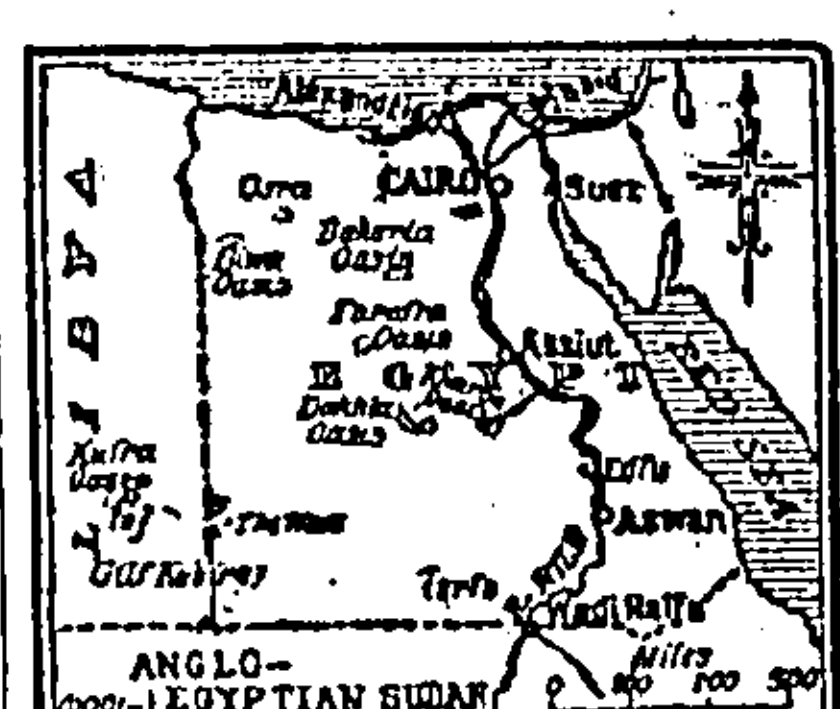
LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was mainly steady with the turnover improving as the session progressed. Most groups finally were about unchanged on the day after a dull and easier opening.

Industrials notably improved in some sections where small net gains were recorded.

Henceforth from to-day the market will close at 2 p.m. B.S.T. in order to facilitate trade.

Wall Street was firm

The first column in the desert blitzkrieg is marching along the coast from Sollum to Bugbug, where it hopes to join an overland column which, according to Italian claims, occupied Sidi Barani this afternoon.



The overland column is reported to be cutting across the tableland at least 50 miles from the coast—out of range of the British warships which have been shelling the coast.

The third column is operating about 200 miles from the coast, along the caravan route which begins at Gagar, on the Libyan border, and winds into the heart of Egypt at the desert junction of Bir Moghara.

## Enemy Transports Bombed

CAIRO, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—A series of bombing raids were made last night on enemy motor transport concentrations east of Bugbug.

Many direct hits were observed resulting in numerous fires and explosions.

In air operations against Eritrea there was a successful attack against the Asmara aerodrome, and a direct hit scored on a hangar.

A formation of enemy bombers approached Malta yesterday but were turned away without dropping any bombs when our fighters appeared.

From all of yesterday's operations our aircraft returned safely.

## Fierce Fighting, Says Rome

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" ROME, Sept. 17 (Domei).—According to the Italian High Command, fierce fighting broke out on Monday between the invading Italian forces and British armoured car units near Sidi Barani, which is 70 miles east

## SPECIOUS ARGUMENT

Italian "Liberation" Of Egypt

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—Italian propaganda is trying to assure the Egyptian people of Italy's friendly feelings.

"Stefani," the Italian official news agency, says that the Italian advance into Egypt will never constitute a deliberate invasion of Egypt but that the action is intended to liberate her from the intolerable British domination.

This may be the Italian idea of liberation but that it is not the Egyptian idea is shown by the Cairo Press, which says that the news of the Italian advance does not cause panic because the Egyptian people have full confidence in their leaders.

Every inch of soil of Egypt is sacred to Egyptians, the papers continue. The Egyptians will see to it that their flag continues to fly over the whole of it.

## One Dead In Junk Piracy

One man is dead and three others are now in the Queen Mary Hospital suffering from gunshot wounds as the result of an attack on a junk by 30 armed men, says a police report.

The junk, carrying a load of wolfram ore and pigs, valued at \$5,800, was attacked near San Mui. The robbers were in two junks and were armed with rifles, machine guns and hand grenades.

When the victims offered resistance the marauders opened fire. Cheung Pui aged 35 was so seriously wounded that he died while Ng Wing (40), Wong Ping (31) and To Yau-tai (30), were seriously wounded.

of the Libyan border on the Mediterranean coast.

## Staff Talks Begin

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" CAIRO, Sept. 17 (UP).—Anglo-Egyptian military talks have begun. The Egyptian Minister for National Defence, Mahmud Fahmy el Kissy Pasha, and senior British and Egyptian officers are conferring on the role the Egyptian army will take in view of the Italian invasion.

Egypt's recently expanded army of 875 officers and 24,041 men is under no treaty obligation to fight alongside British troops except for the defence of the Suez Canal.

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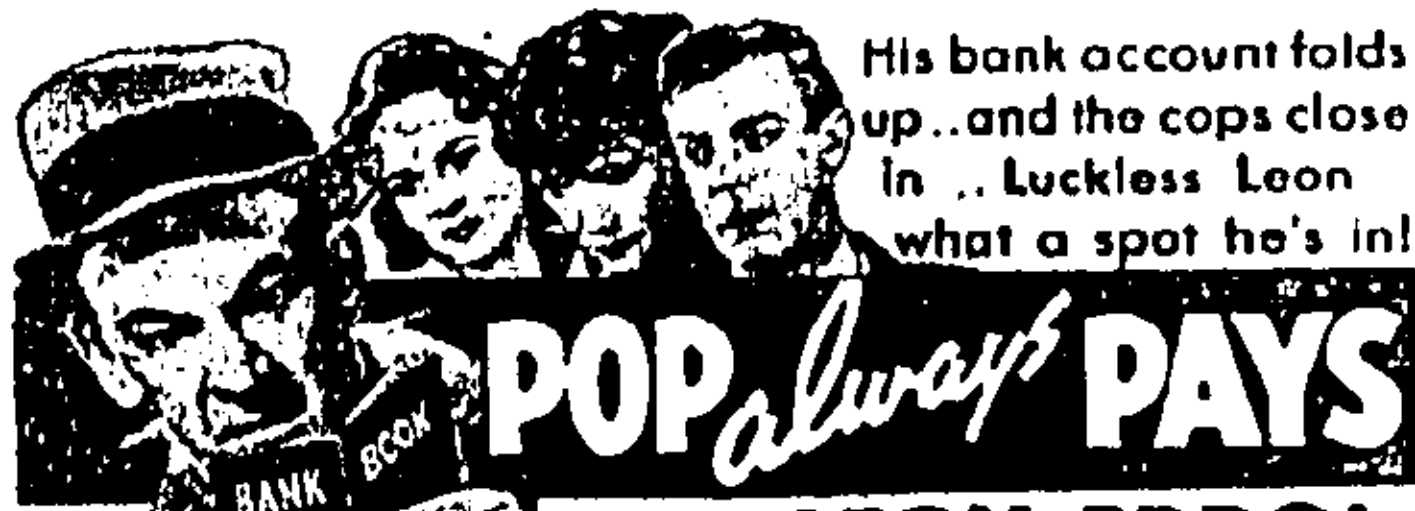
ALSO LATEST MOVIE TONE & UNIVERSAL NEWSREELS

TO-MORROW "CONFESSIONS OF A NAZI SPY"  
A Warner Bros. Picture with EDWARD G. ROBINSON

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A SUPER STAGE SHOW!

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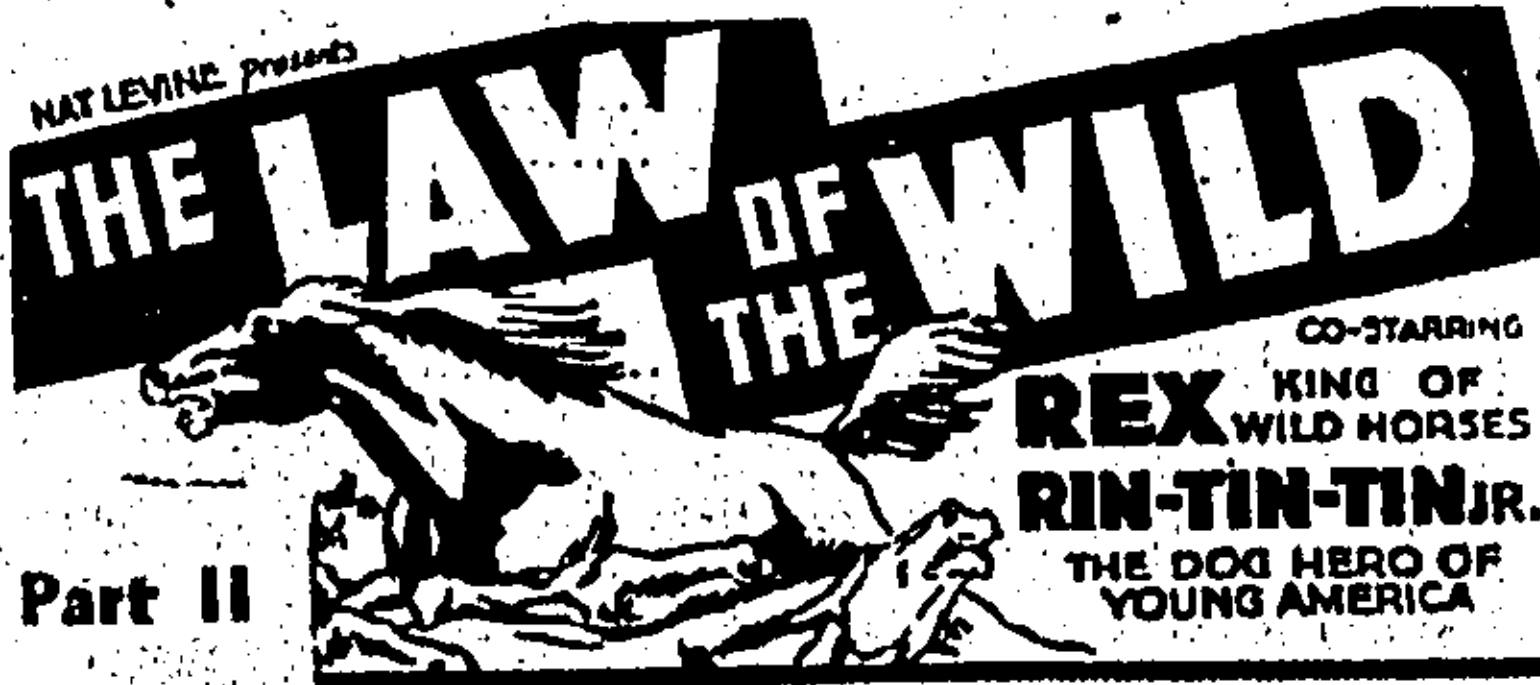
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"BREAKING THE ICE"

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SAT. Sydney Howard

## Take Over Abandoned Gardens

LORD WOOLTON, Food Minister, has suggested to Mr. Anthony Eden that he should use his powers as War Minister and send troops into unoccupied gardens to prevent vegetables and fruit being wasted.

A public letter from an Army welfare officer in the south-east, asking evacuated householders to let troops use the garden produce in their abandoned gardens, has brought from most householders a ready consent.

Some, however, have told the welfare officer that in no circumstances will they let soldiers touch the vegetables and fruit now running to waste.

### Onions And Carrots

MR. ROBERT BOOTHBY, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food said that they hope to arrange for abandoned gardens to be replanted with onions and carrots.

These vegetables are easy to grow, but at present we import half of them.

ONLY one in four of those entitled to free or cheap milk under the National Milk scheme have so far applied for it.

All expectant mothers and children under five are entitled to one pint of milk each a day to two-pence a pint (half the normal price).

The milk is allowed free if the income of both parents is under 40s. a week, or under 27s. 6d. If there is only one parent. For each non-earning dependent 6s is added to the income limits.

### Egg Prices Watched

ABOUT that egg shortage. The Ministry of Food is determined that the public will not have to pay exorbitant prices for them.

It supports the action of many grocers who supply eggs only to their registered customers.

THE Ministry also asks the public to go on buying canned fruits and vegetables, but to keep your hand away from the tin-opener as much as possible.

## CAPTAIN ACCUSED Alleged Pose As Baronet

Capt. Alfred Lionel Haughton, of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, was accused at a Chelsea court martial of passing worthless cheques, and of having posed as a baronet.

James Patterson, proprietor of the Hundred Club, stated that Capt. Haughton came to the club with a member. "He said he was attached to the War Office, had property in Cornwall, two cars and two chauffeurs," declared Mr. Patterson. "I cashed cheques for him, and he told me he was Sir Lionel Haughton."

The assistant manager of a cigar store said that Capt. Haughton bought £5 worth of goods, including some cigars which were sent to the grill room manager of a restaurant with a card inscribed, "With the compliments of Sir Lionel Haughton." The cheque came back marked "RD."

## LATE NEWS

## ORIENTAL

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Azarah (Egyptian No. 7)	.....	\$5.20	" " " 50
Black Russian Gold	.....	\$5.20	" " " 50
Sobranie Virginia No. 40	.....	\$3.30	" " " 50
Weinberg Special No. 10	.....	\$3.70	" " " 50
Weinberg Special No. 20	.....	\$3.40	" " " 50

PIPE TOBACCO:			
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A RUTHLESS GANG OF NAZI AGENTS ARE PUT ON THE SPOT WHEN THEY ATTEMPT TO STEAL ADMIRALTY SECRETS!



ALSO: "BRITISH NEWS"

• TO-MORROW •

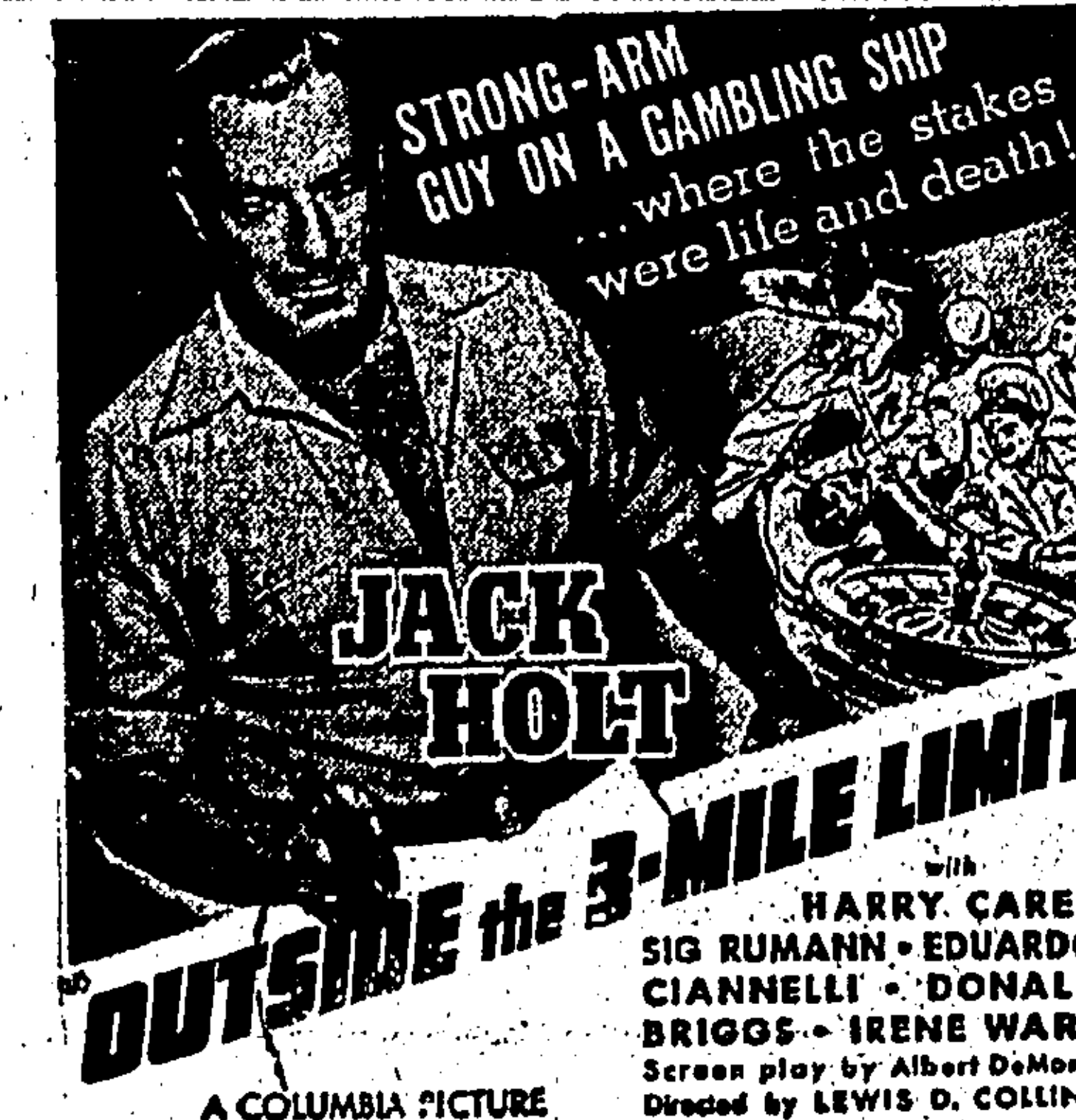


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